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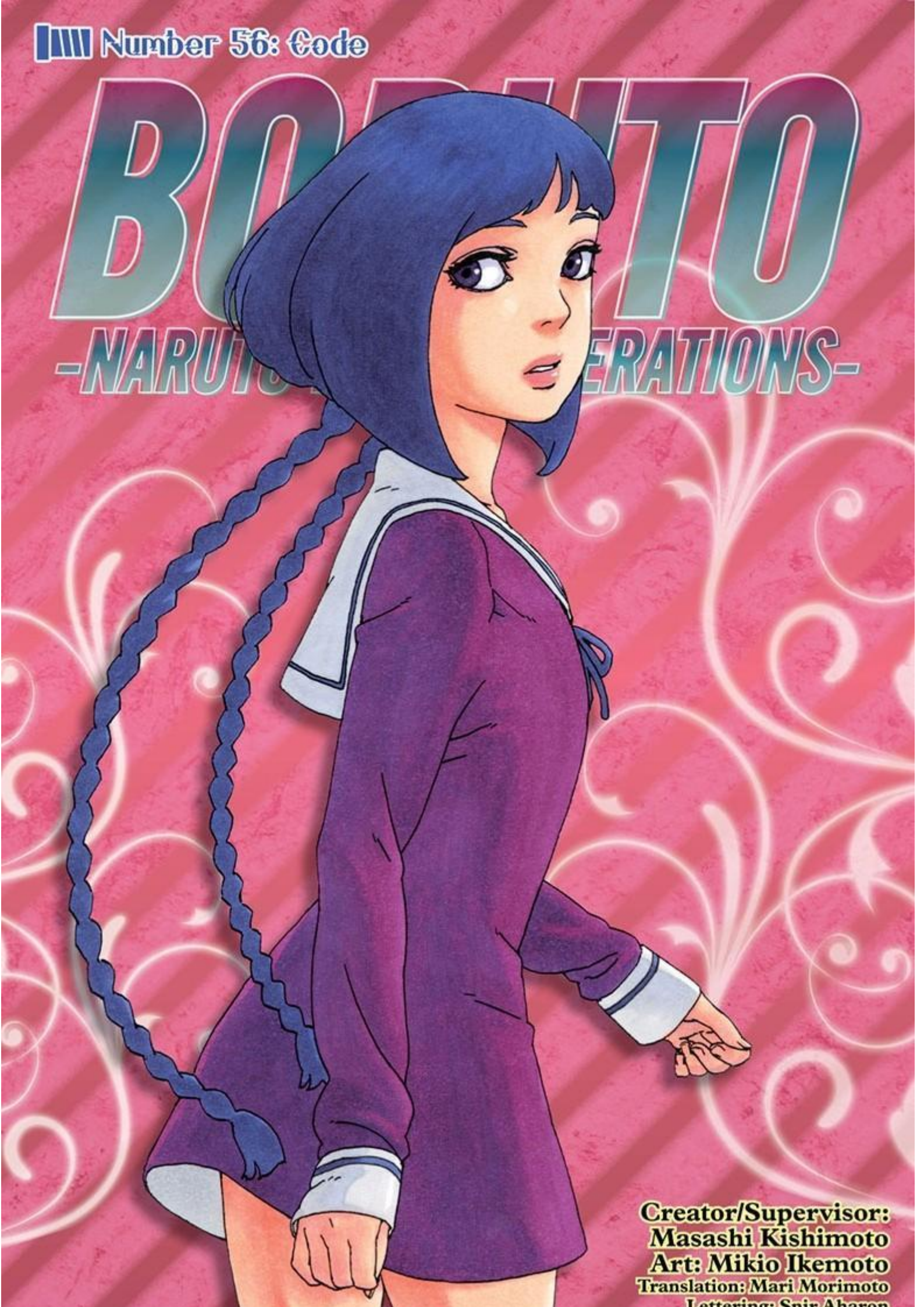
BORUTO

-NARUTO NEXT GENERATIONS-



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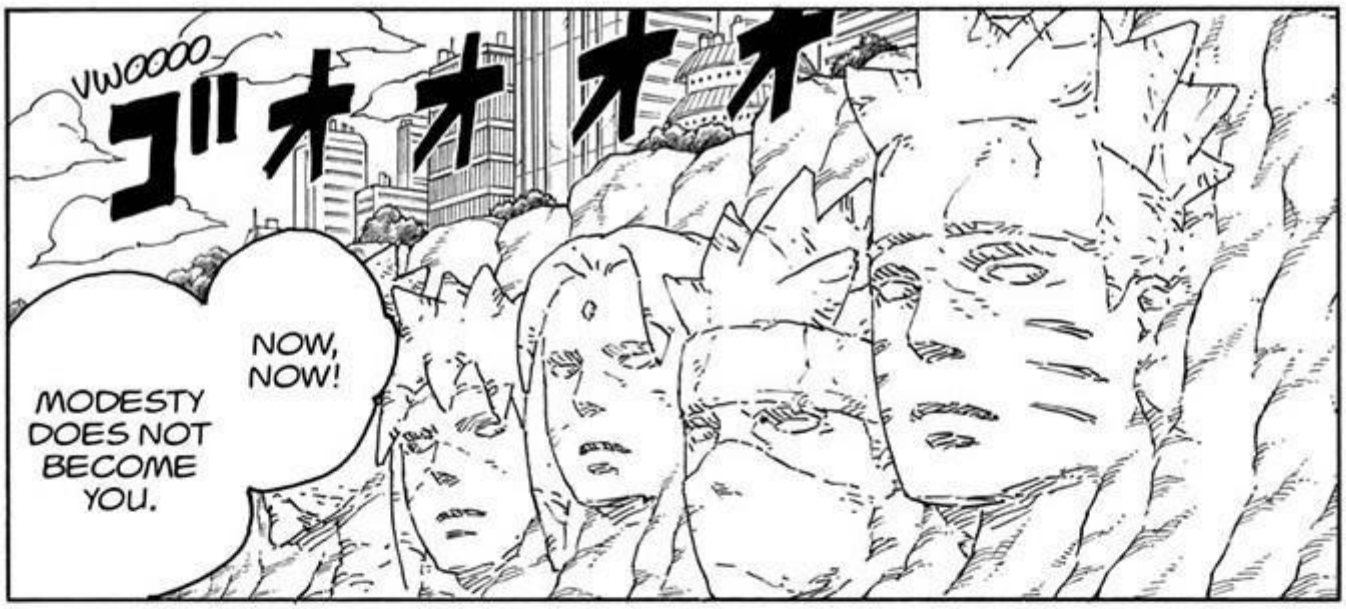
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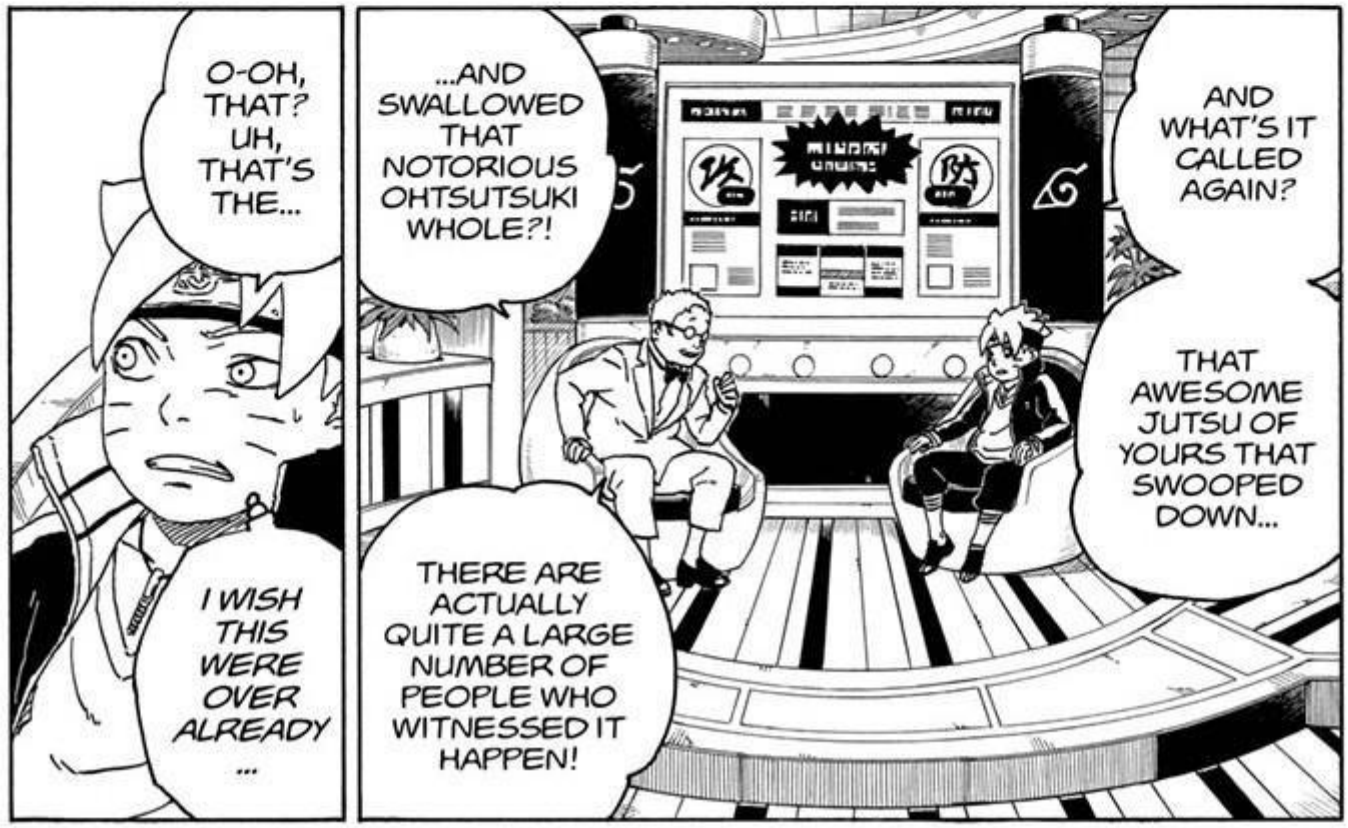
NOW, NOW!
MODESTY DOES NOT BECOME YOU.

IN FACT, I WAS PASSED OUT MOST OF THE--
ER..
IT REALLY WASN'T ALL THAT, YOU KNOW.
IT WAS YOUR CLEVER-NESS THAT KEPT THE DAMAGE TO OUR VILLAGE MINIMAL, WASN'T IT?
WHICH BASICALLY MAKES YOU THE ONE WHO SAVED THE VILLAGE.


O-OH, THAT? UH, THAT'S THE...
I WISH THIS WERE OVER ALREADY ...
...AND SWALLOWED THAT NOTORIOUS OHTSUTSUKI WHOLE?!
THERE ARE ACTUALLY QUITE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED IT HAPPEN!
AND WHAT'S IT CALLED AGAIN?
THAT AWESOME JUTSU OF YOURS THAT SWOOPED DOWN...

MM...
NOT BAD AT ALL.
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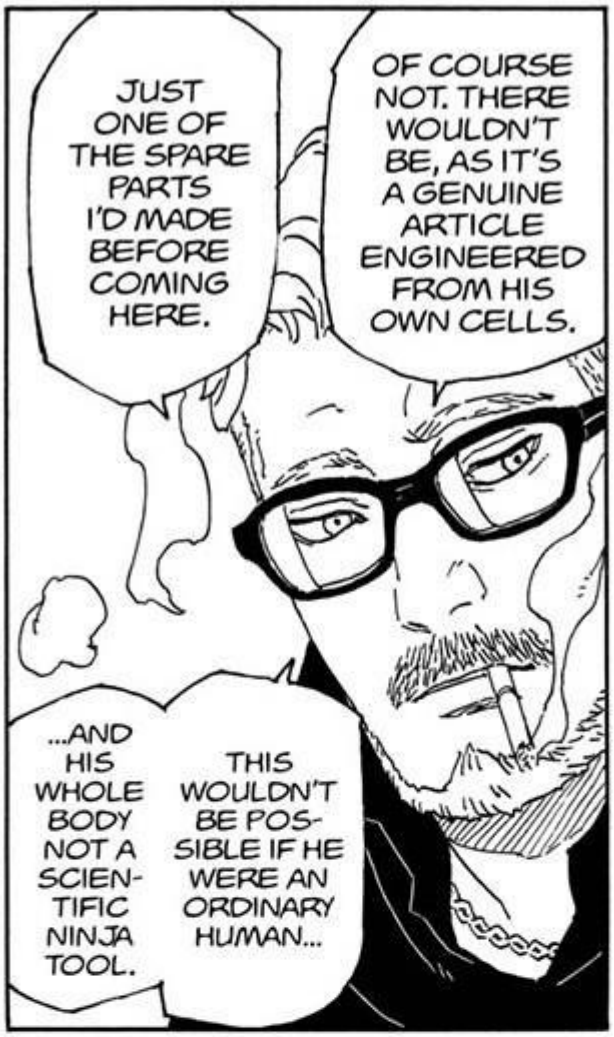
VWOOOO
NOT REALLY.
IT FEELS JUST LIKE MY OLD HAND.
ANY POINTS OF CONCERN THIS LAST WEEK?
HOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?
AND WITHOUT ANY SIGN OF RE-JECTION...
I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO REGAIN HIS HAND SO QUICKLY.
I'M SPEECH-LESS.

THIS IS GOING TO STING A BIT.
SORRY, KAWAKI.


OF COURSE NOT. THERE WOULDN'T BE, AS IT'S A GENUINE ARTICLE ENGINEERED FROM HIS OWN CELLS.
JUST ONE OF THE SPARE PARTS I'D MADE BEFORE COMING HERE.
THIS WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE IF HE WERE AN ORDINARY HUMAN...
...AND HIS WHOLE BODY NOT A SCIENTIFIC NINJA TOOL.

YOU KNOW, I'M NOT...
...A SNOTTY-NOSED BRAT.
YOU DON'T NEED TO KEEP SAYING STUFF. JUST DO WHATEVER YOU NEED TO DO.
OH! S-SORRY...

WHAT'S WITH *YOUR* ATTITUDE, AMADO? ACTING ALL BOSSY AND HAVING AN ASSISTANT.
ISN'T SUMIRE ONE OF DR. KATASUKE'S STAFF? WHY'S SHE WITH YOU?

CAN THE ATTITUDE, KAWAKI. SHOW SOME GRATITUDE TOWARD YOUR CARETAKER.
SUMIRE'S BRILLIANT, AND A QUICK LEARNER.
I'LL BE IN A WORLD OF TROUBLE IF YOU CHASE HER OFF.

THANK YOU, KAWAKI, BUT...
...THIS IS WHAT SUMIRE HERSELF WANTED.
WE WERE ALL AT A LOSS WHEN IT CAME TO TREATING YOUR BODY.
IT'LL BE GOOD TO HAVE ANOTHER MEMBER ON YOUR CARE TEAM.

...YOU CAN REST ASSURED FROM HERE ON OUT.
I STILL ONLY KNOW THE BASICS, BUT...
O-OF COURSE, AVOIDING INJURY WOULD HELP TOO...
...
DO YOU LIKE BORUTO OR SOME-THING?
WAIT A SEC.
BA-DMP
B-BESIDES ...
YOU'RE ALWAYS HANGING OUT WITH BORUTO.
SO I CAN ASK YOU ABOUT HIM TOO.
AHA HA.
THOUGH IT'S SO VERY OBVIOUS.
はわわわ
FLUSH
A-AWW, KAWAKI!!
D-DON'T SAY IT SO BLUNTLY!!
L-LET'S KEEP IT OUR LITTLE SECRET, OKAY?!

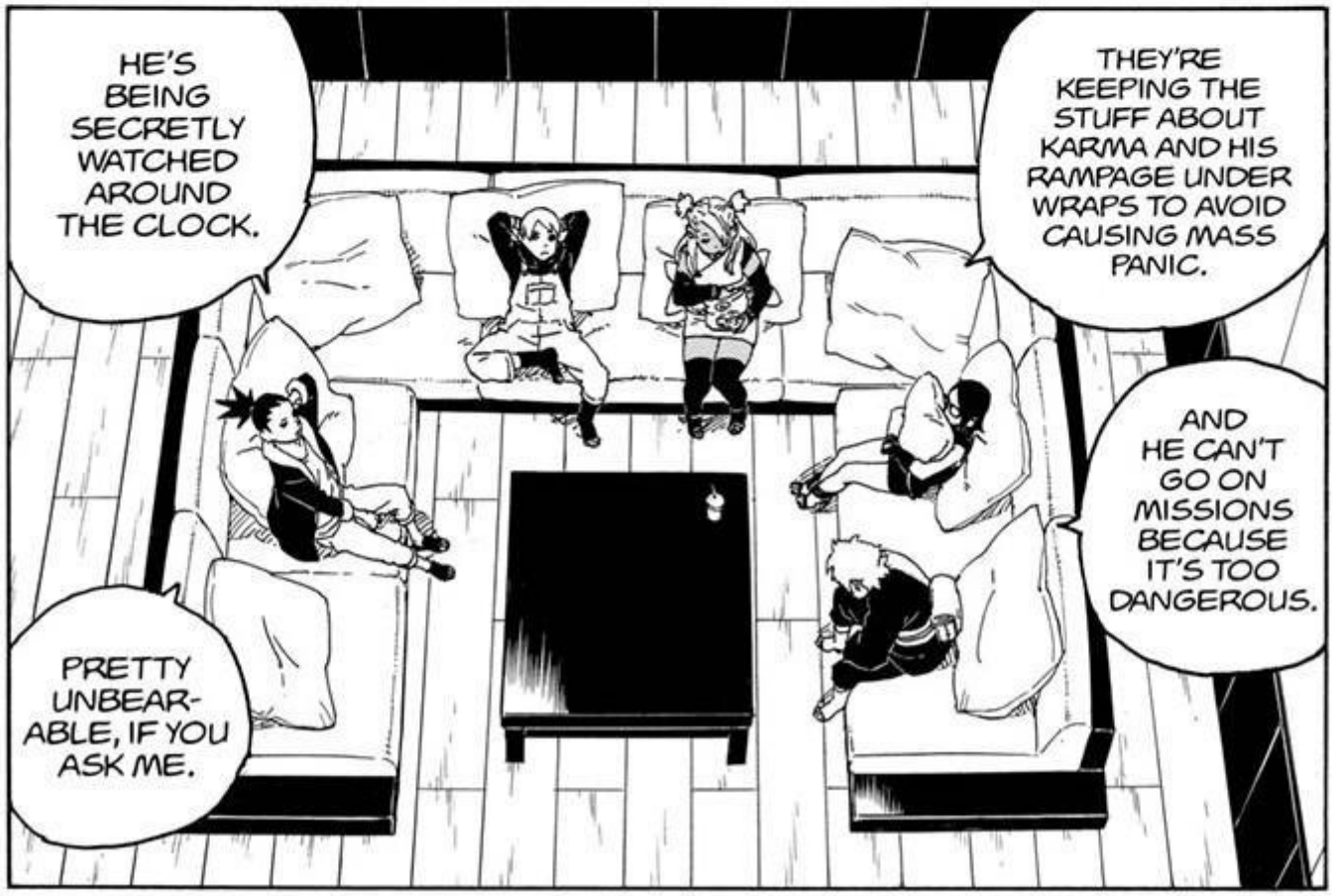
EX-CELLENT PROGRESS.
I DON'T ANTICIPATE ANY BIG PROBLEMS WITH YOUR HAND.
BUT DON'T SHIRK THE ROUTINE MAIN-TENANCE.
COME BACK NEXT WEEK.
WHAT-EVER. IT'S NO MATTER TO ME...
...SO LONG AS YOU'RE ABLE TO DO YOUR JOB.
CAN I GO NOW?
YEAH.
...
...
KAWAKI ...
NO, NEVER MIND.
LET'S DO IT NEXT TIME.

...
?
WHAT-EVER.
WOO!
WHEE!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
UH...
HA HA...
AW, SHUCKS...
EVERY-ONE...
UNFORTU-NATELY, IT APPEARS WE ARE OUT OF TIME.
PLEASE GIVE ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE ...
...TO THE TINY BUT MIGHTY HERO WHO SAVED OUR VILLAGE... UZUMAKI BORUTO!!

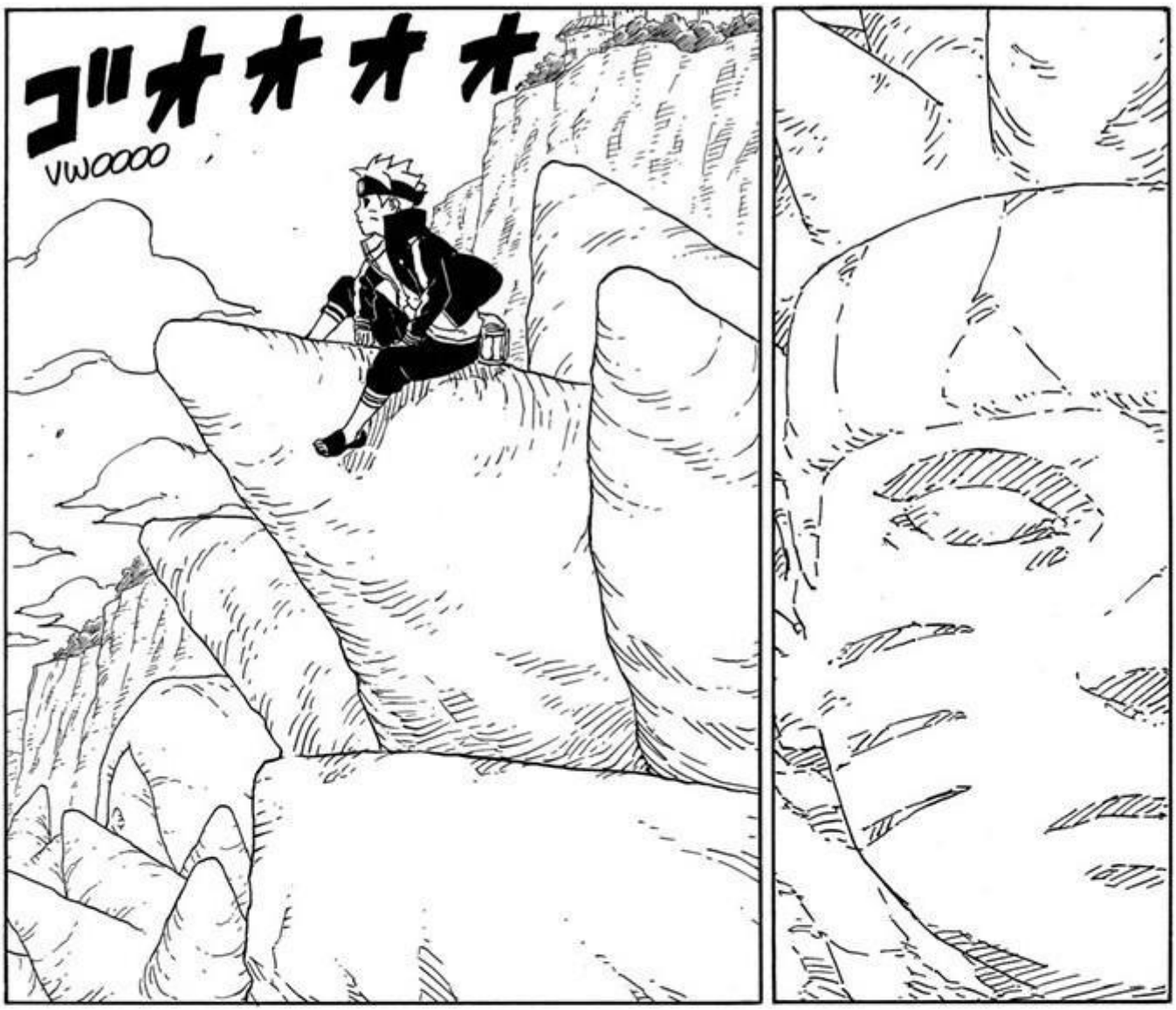
GEEZ, REALLY, BORUTO?
IRK
ACTING ALL MOON-STRUCK...

...

HE'S PUTTING ON A BRAVE FACE, BUT HE'S MORE DEPRES-SED THAN ANY OF US.
CUT HIM SOME SLACK, SARADA.


HE'S BEING SECRETLY WATCHED AROUND THE CLOCK.
THEY'RE KEEPING THE STUFF ABOUT KARMA AND HIS RAMPAGE UNDER WRAPS TO AVOID CAUSING MASS PANIC.
AND HE CAN'T GO ON MISSIONS BECAUSE IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
PRETTY UNBEAR-ABLE, IF YOU ASK ME.

COULD THIS HERO TREATMENT AND PARADING HIM IN FRONT OF THE MEDIA BE HIS WAY OF MAKING IT UP TO HIM?
YEAH, THAT WAS MY DAD'S DECISION.
IT'S SO INSULTING.
YEAH, BUT THE NO-MISSIONS RULE IS APPLYING TO US TOO.
SO TEAM SEVEN IS ON IN-DEFINITE HIATUS.
WE DON'T HAVE A THREE-MAN CELL WITHOUT HIM.
DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'M NOT BLAMING BORUTO OR ANY-THING, BUT...
...IT'S JUST HARD TO COME TO GRIPS WITH, THAT'S ALL.
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NEXT...?
UH...
HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH A THING IN THIS COMPANY?
THIS IS WHY, CHUBS...
HOW? WHY?
TO NOT HAVE TO GO ON A MISSION AND BE ON TV INSTEAD, ROCKS!
GRP
WHAT'S MY WEIGHT GOT TO DO WITH IT?!
WHA ?!
...
ONE WOULD HOPE...
MAYBE MASTER SHIKA-MARU HAS AN IDEA OR TWO?
WELL, AT LEAST IN REGARDS TO BORUTO'S KARMA, THEY CAN'T JUST SIT AROUND AND DO NOTHING.
THEY'RE GONNA NEED TO BE PROACTIVE.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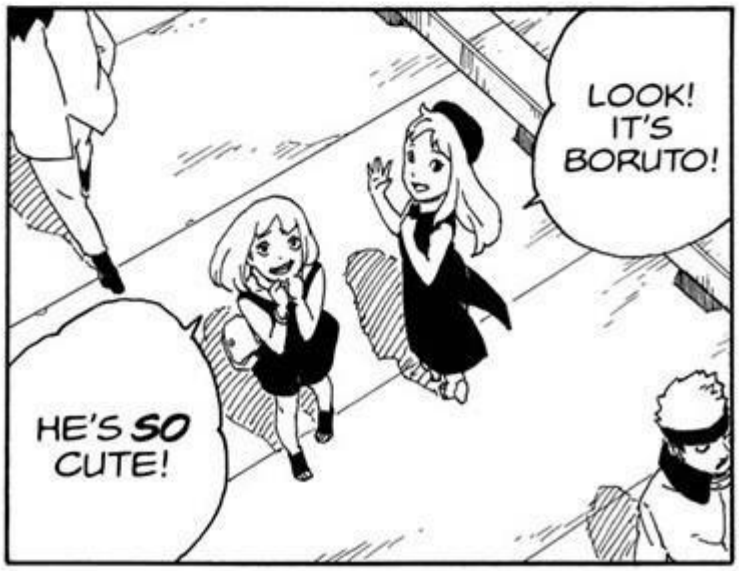
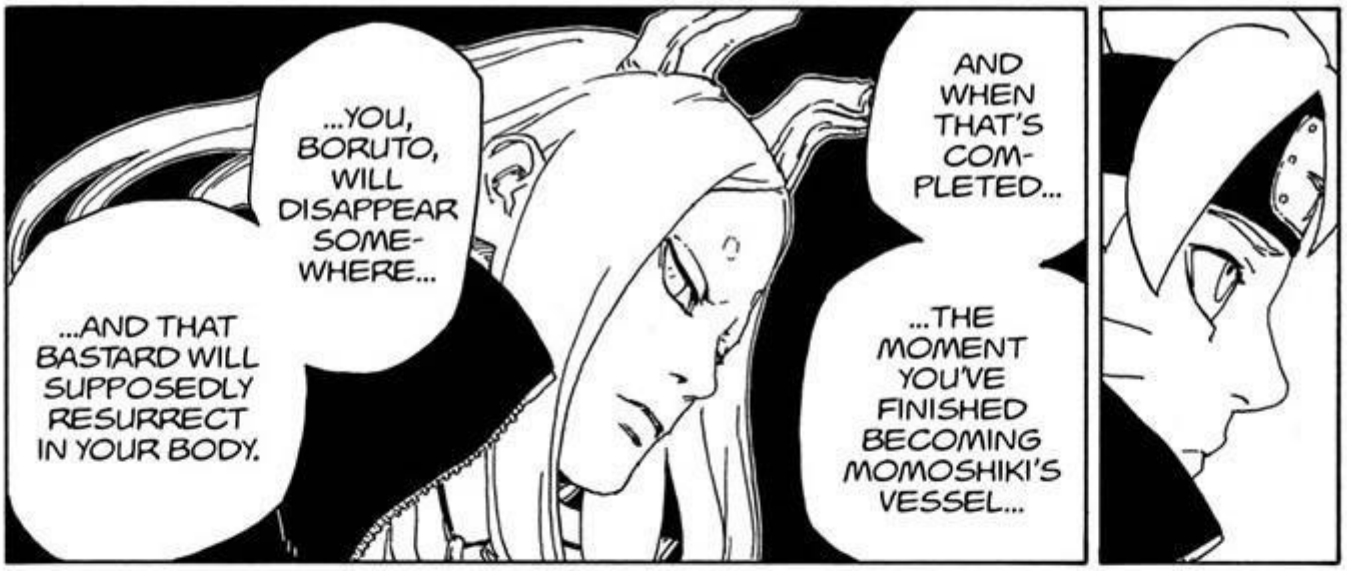

LOOK! IT'S BORUTO!
HE'S SO CUTE!

...
SSH
OOPS.
FSH
SHUP
WHAT A HUGE BOTHER...
THIS WHOLE CELEBRITY THING.

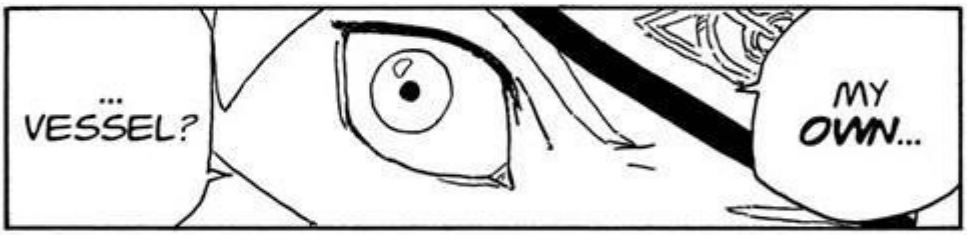
...
WHAT?
I'M SURPRISED.
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE A BIT MORE GLUM.
GO AWAY IF YOU'RE JUST GONNA POKE FUN AT ME.
AND FOR YOU IN PARTICULAR..
THE OHTSUTSUKI DATA IS STILL CONTINUING TO EXTRACT ITSELF FROM YOUR KARMA.
BASED ON WHAT WE'VE LEARNED SO FAR..
...BOTH OF OUR BODIES ARE ABOUT 80 PERCENT OHTSUTSUKI-FIED ALREADY.
ABOUT KARMA?
NAH. I WAS OVER IT A LONG TIME AGO.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ACT OR WHAT I SHOULD BE TRYING TO DO ABOUT IT.
IT'S JUST ...


...YOU, BORUTO, WILL DISAPPEAR SOMEWHERE...
...AND THAT BASTARD WILL SUPPOSEDLY RESURRECT IN YOUR BODY.
AND WHEN THAT'S COMPLETED...
...THE MOMENT YOU'VE FINISHED BECOMING MOMOSHIKI'S VESSEL...

IT REALLY SUCKS.
I FEEL LIKE I'M STUCK IN A NIGHTMARE.
...

I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING...
...THAT YOU COULD TRY DOING...

WHY NOT PREPARE YOUR OWN VESSEL?
BY GIVING SOMEONE ELSE A KARMA.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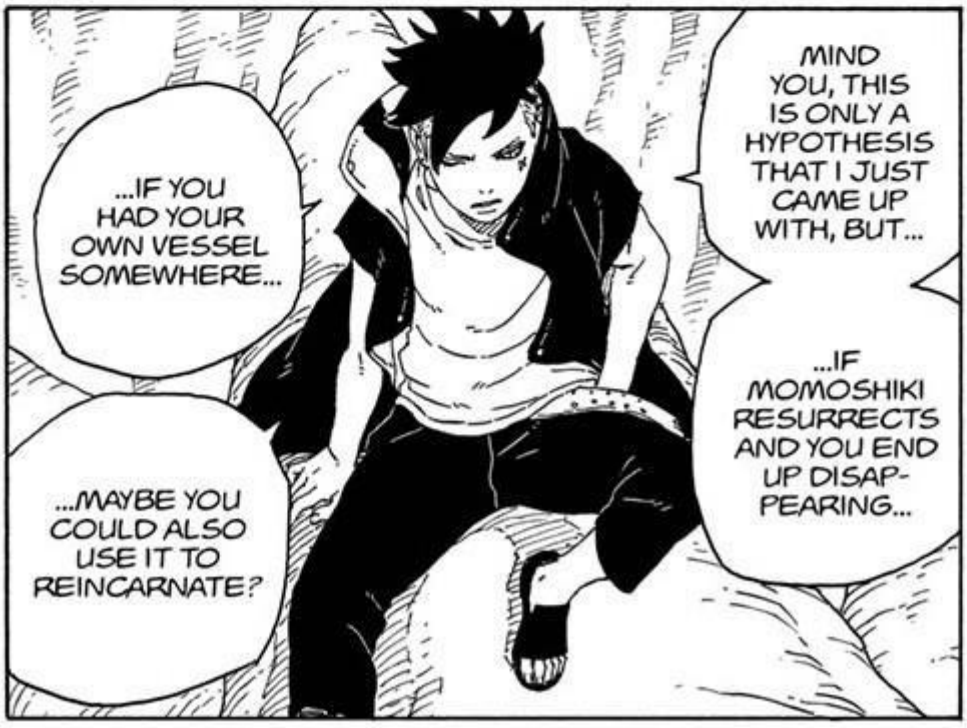
VESSEL?
MY OWN...


...IF YOU HAD YOUR OWN VESSEL SOMEWHERE...
...MAYBE YOU COULD ALSO USE IT TO REINCARNATE?
MIND YOU, THIS IS ONLY A HYPOTHESIS THAT I JUST CAME UP WITH, BUT...
...IF MOMOSHIKI RESURRECTS AND YOU END UP DISAP-PEARING...

...THAT MEANS I HAVE TO SACRIFICE SOMEONE ELSE, RIGHT?!
NO WAY, MAN!
BE-SIDES...
...IF I'M GONNA GIVE KARMA AND MAKE A VESSEL...
!
THAT'S ONE CRAZY THEORY!
HIS NAME IS CODE.
...TO HAVE SURVIVED JIGEN'S RITUAL.
THE ONLY OTHER GUY...
I'VE GOT SOME-ONE IN MIND ALREADY.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
SOME-ONE WHO'D BE PER-FECT.

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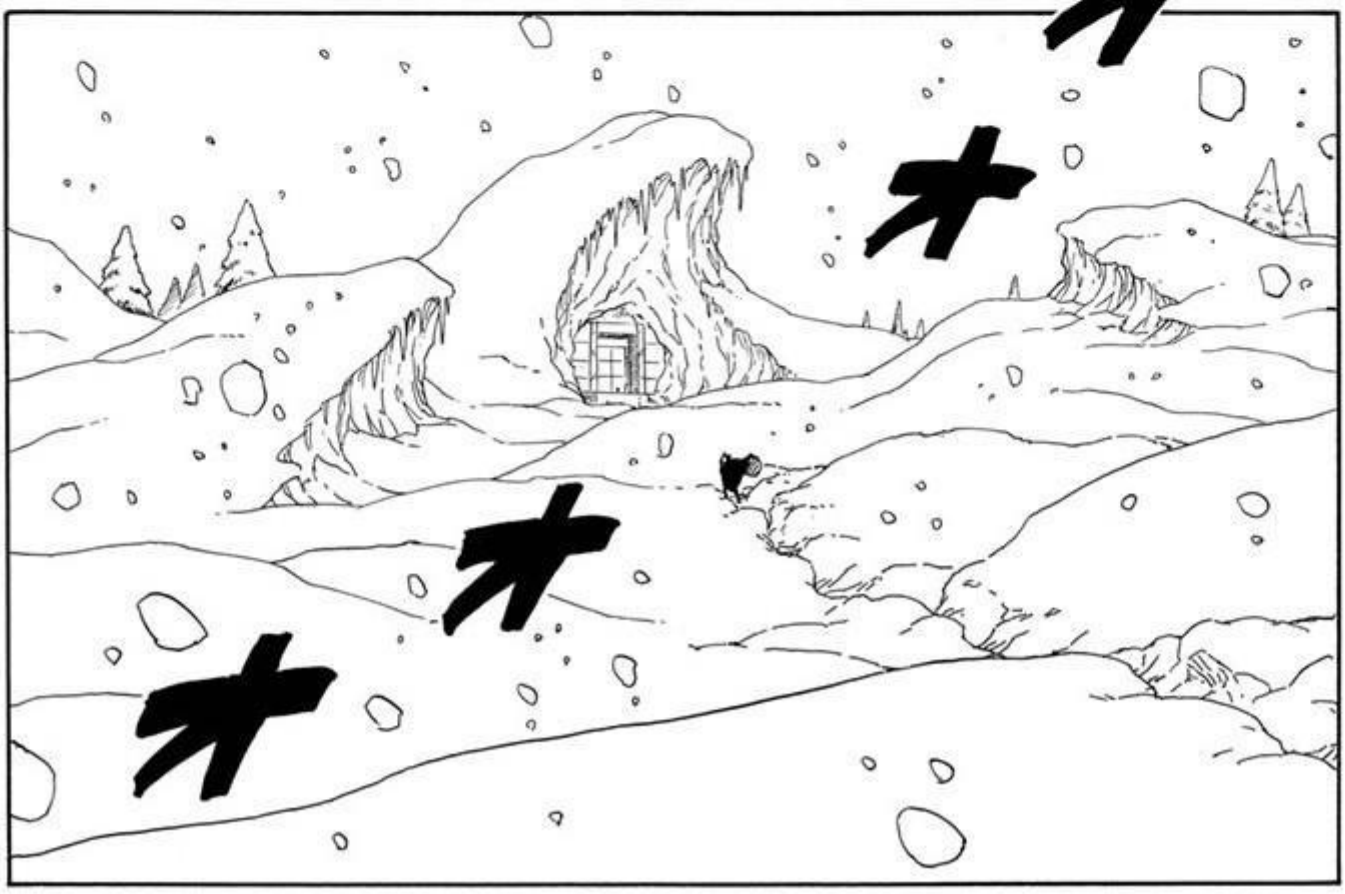
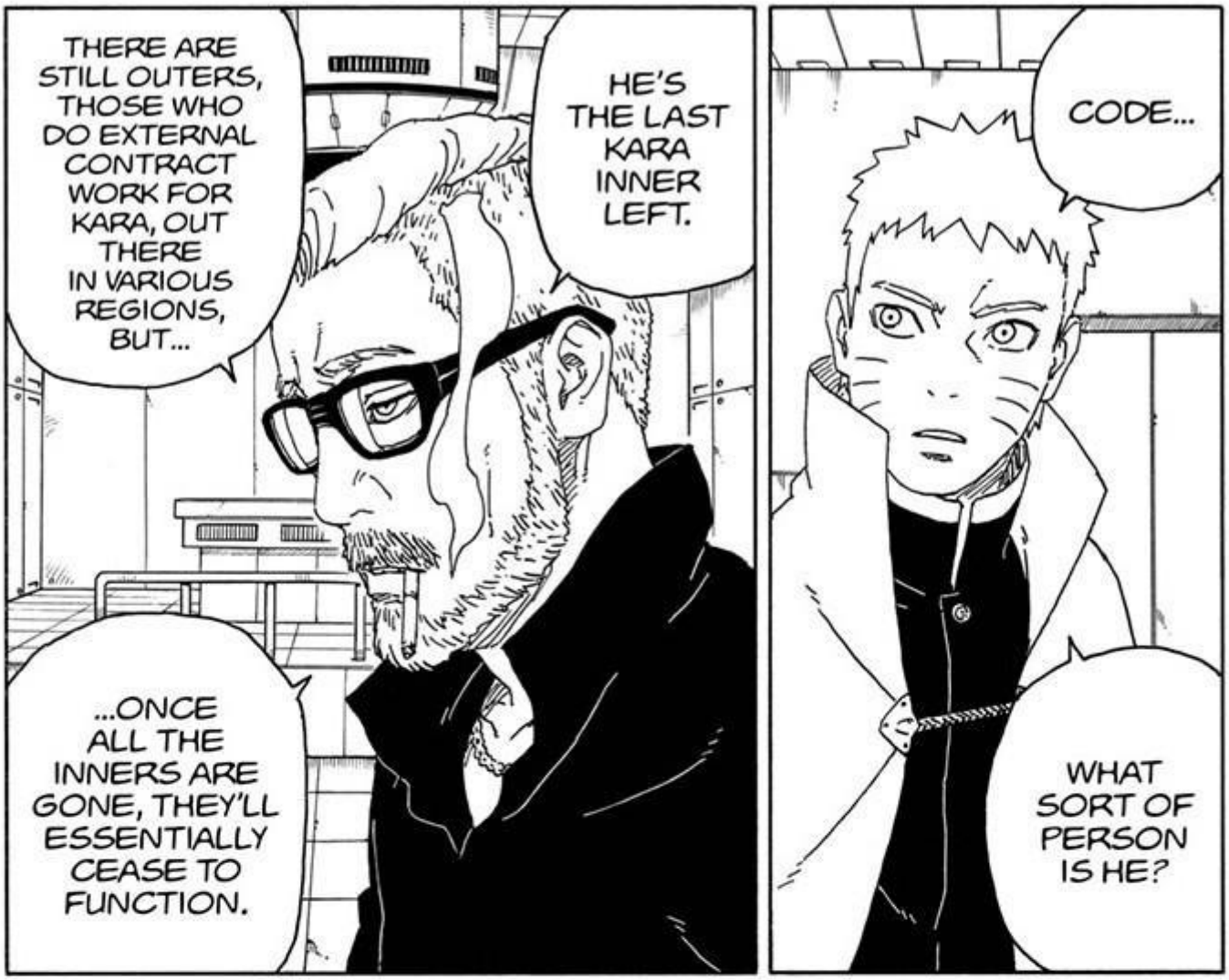
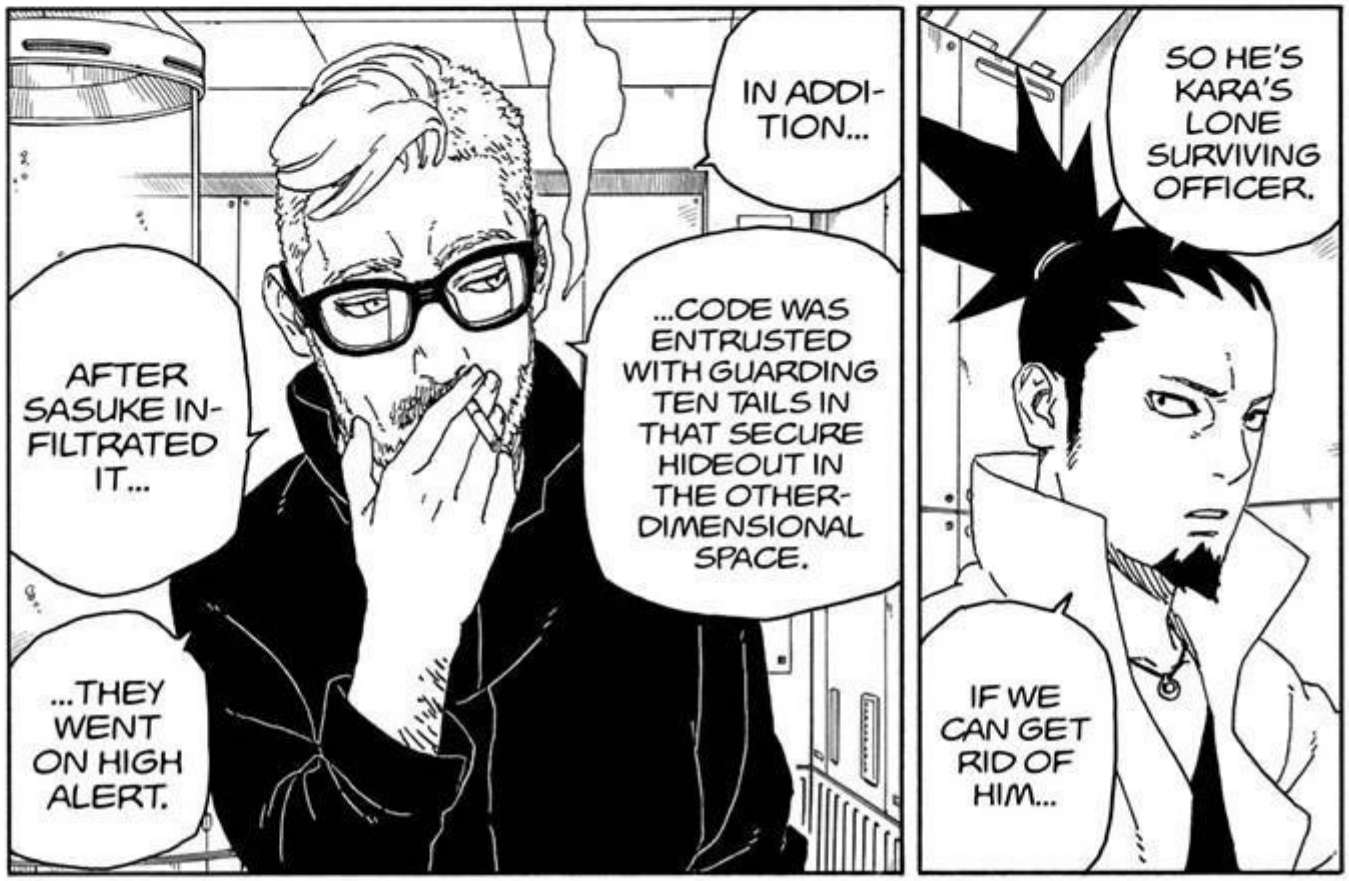
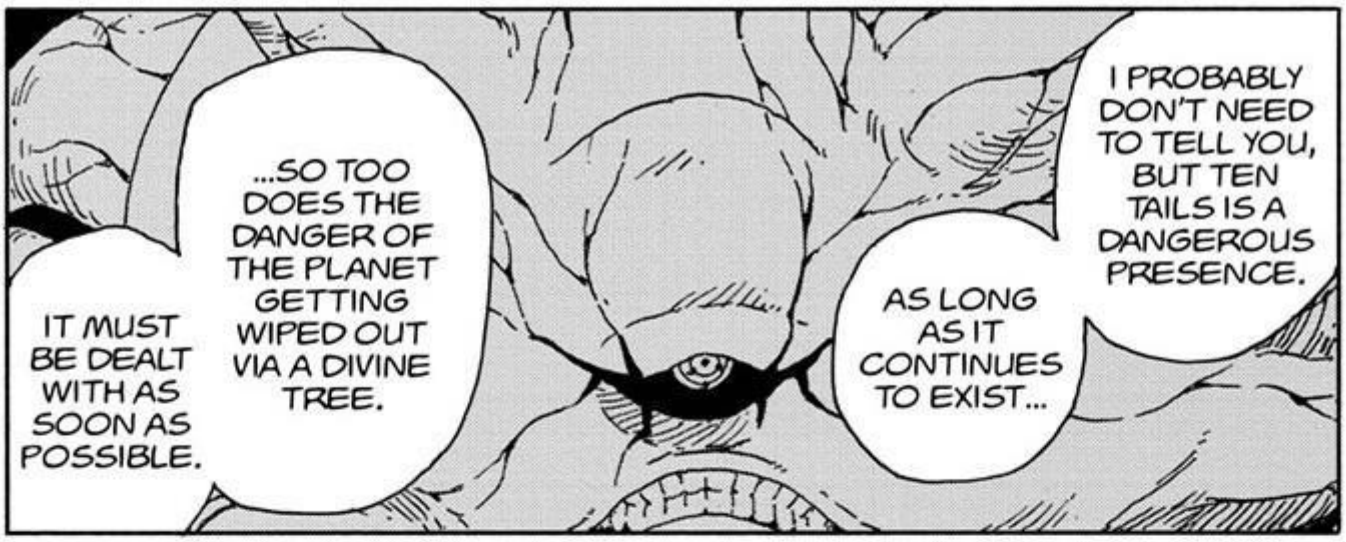
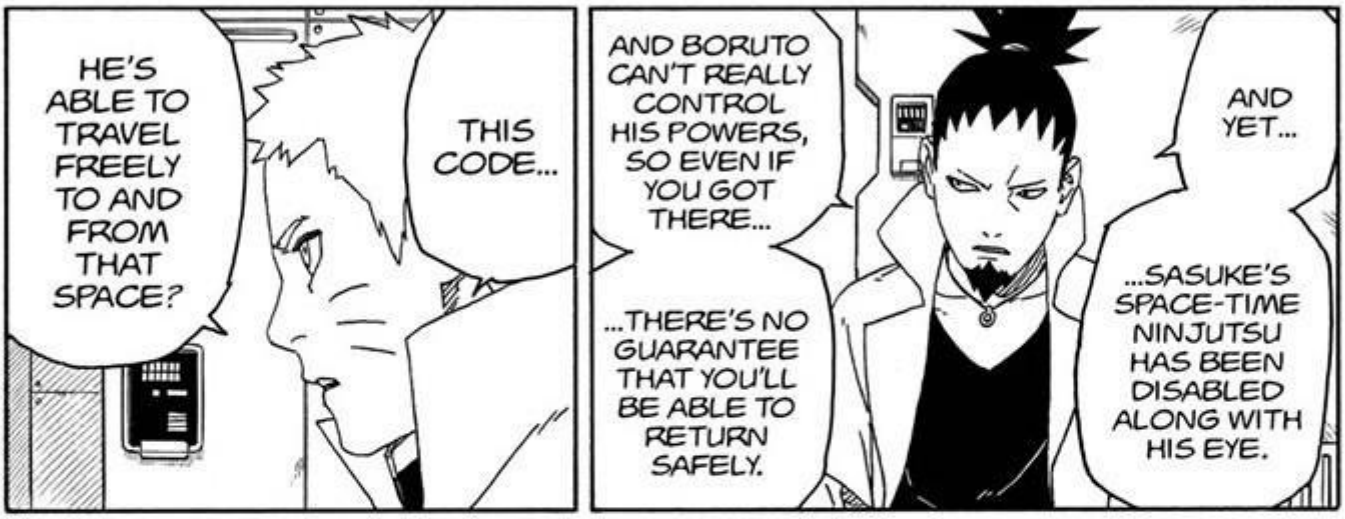


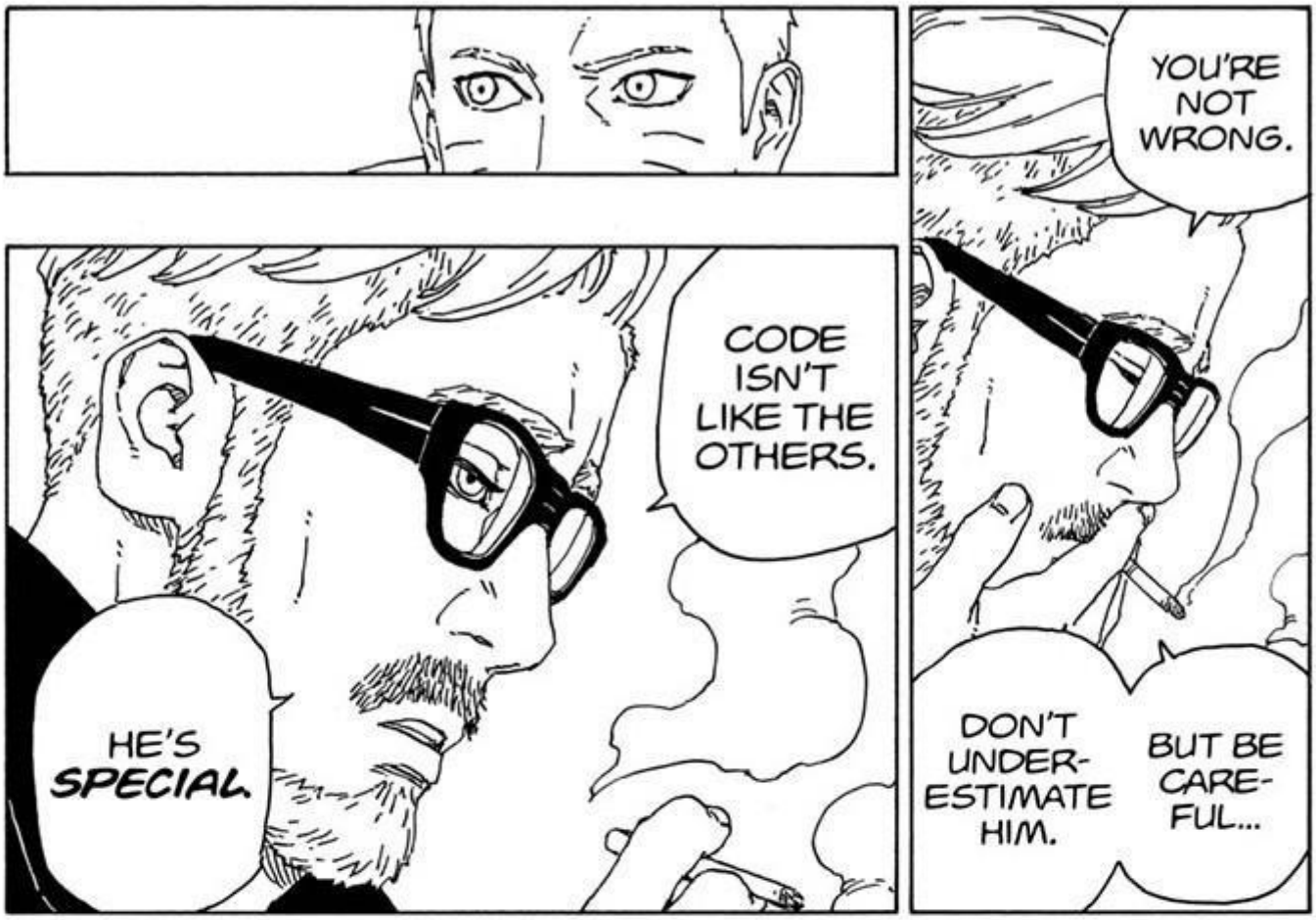

THERE ARE STILL OUTERS, THOSE WHO DO EXTERNAL CONTRACT WORK FOR KARA, OUT THERE IN VARIOUS REGIONS, BUT...
HE'S THE LAST KARA INNER LEFT.
...ONCE ALL THE INNERS ARE GONE, THEY'LL ESSENTIALLY CEASE TO FUNCTION.
CODE...
WHAT SORT OF PERSON IS HE?

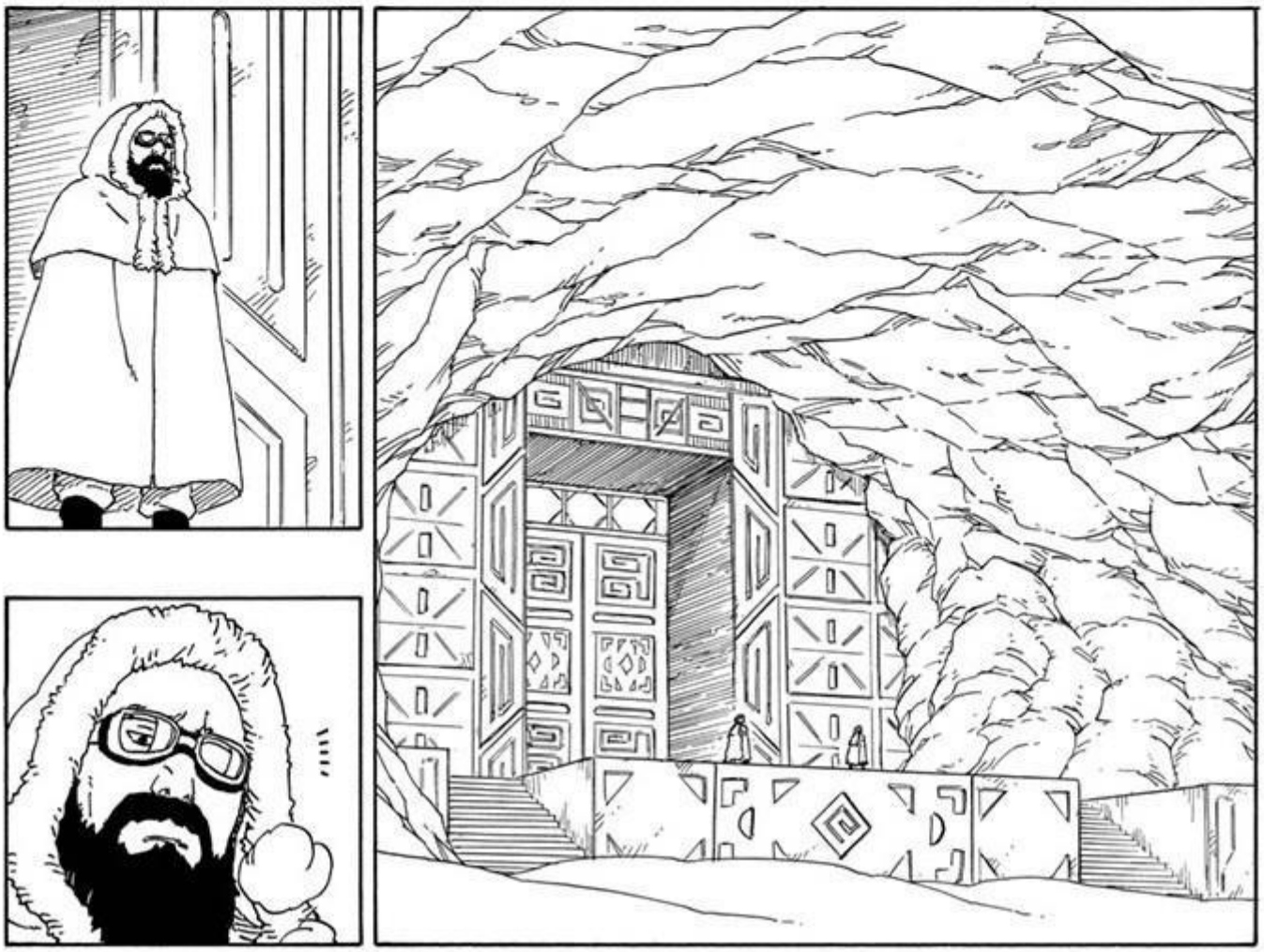

IN ADDI-TION...
...CODE WAS ENTRUSTED WITH GUARDING TEN TAILS IN THAT SECURE HIDEOUT IN THE OTHER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE.
AFTER SASUKE IN-FILTRATED IT...
...THEY WENT ON HIGH ALERT.
SO HE'S KARA'S LONE SURVIVING OFFICER.
IF WE CAN GET RID OF HIM...


I PROBABLY DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU, BUT TEN TAILS IS A DANGEROUS PRESENCE.
AS LONG AS IT CONTINUES TO EXIST...
...SO TOO DOES THE DANGER OF THE PLANET GETTING WIPED OUT VIA A DIVINE TREE.
IT MUST BE DEALT WITH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.


AND YET...
...SASUKE'S SPACE-TIME NINJUTSU HAS BEEN DISABLED ALONG WITH HIS EYE.
AND BORUTO CAN'T REALLY CONTROL HIS POWERS, SO EVEN IF YOU GOT THERE...
...THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN SAFELY.
THIS CODE...
HE'S ABLE TO TRAVEL FREELY TO AND FROM THAT SPACE?

OF COURSE.
HE DOESN'T HAVE SPACE-TIME NINJUTSU, BUT...
...THERE ARE OTHER ABILITIES THAT MAKE IT POS-SIBLE.
IN WHICH CASE...
...WE NEED TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT CODE.
BEFORE TEN TAILS GETS MISUSED.
THAT'S SOUND.
BECAUSE ONCE CODE IS OUT OF THE WAY...
...WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME TO DECIDE HOW TO DISPOSE OF TEN TAILS.


YOU'RE NOT WRONG.
CODE ISN'T LIKE THE OTHERS.
HE'S SPECIAL.
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE HIM.
BUT BE CARE-FUL...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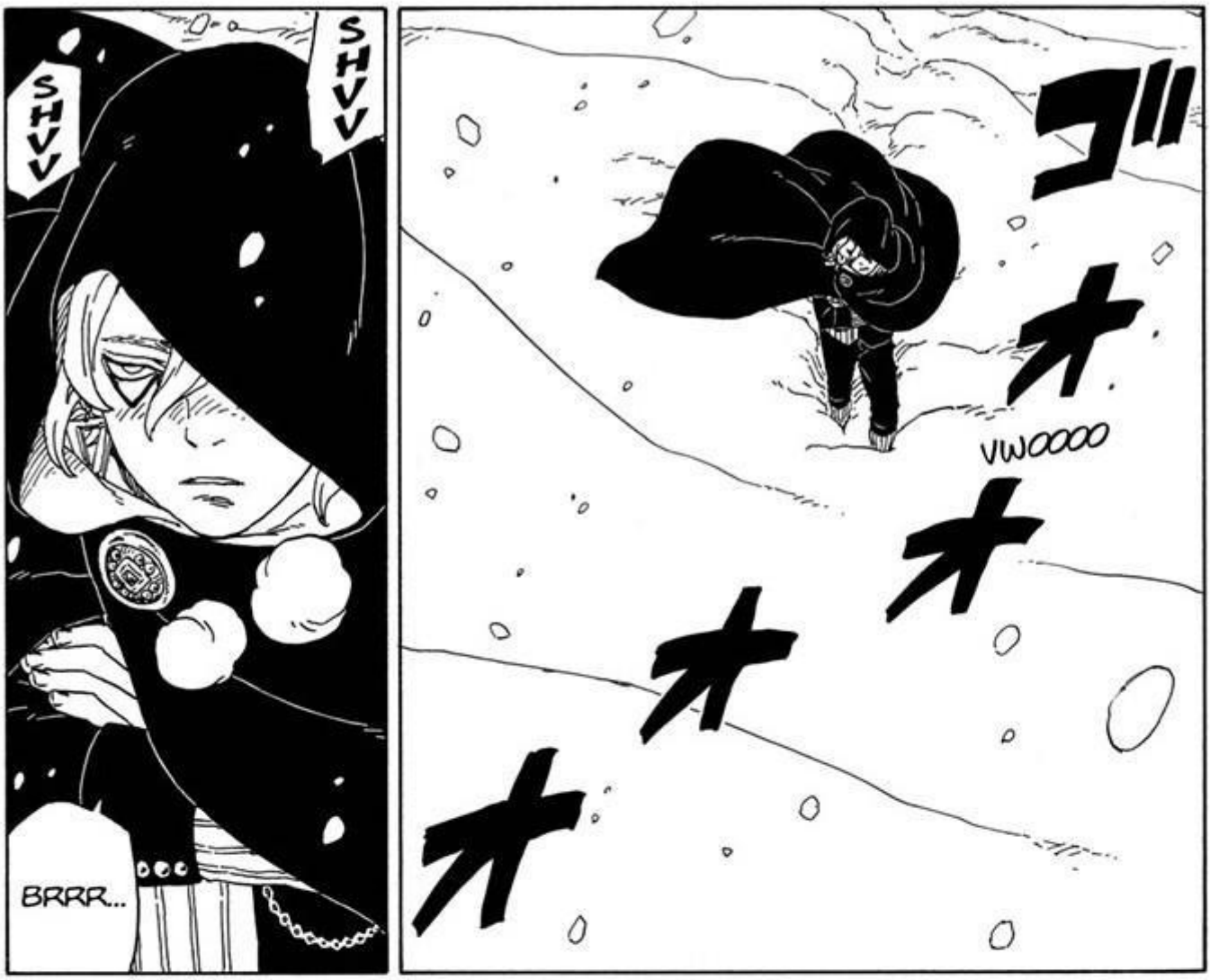
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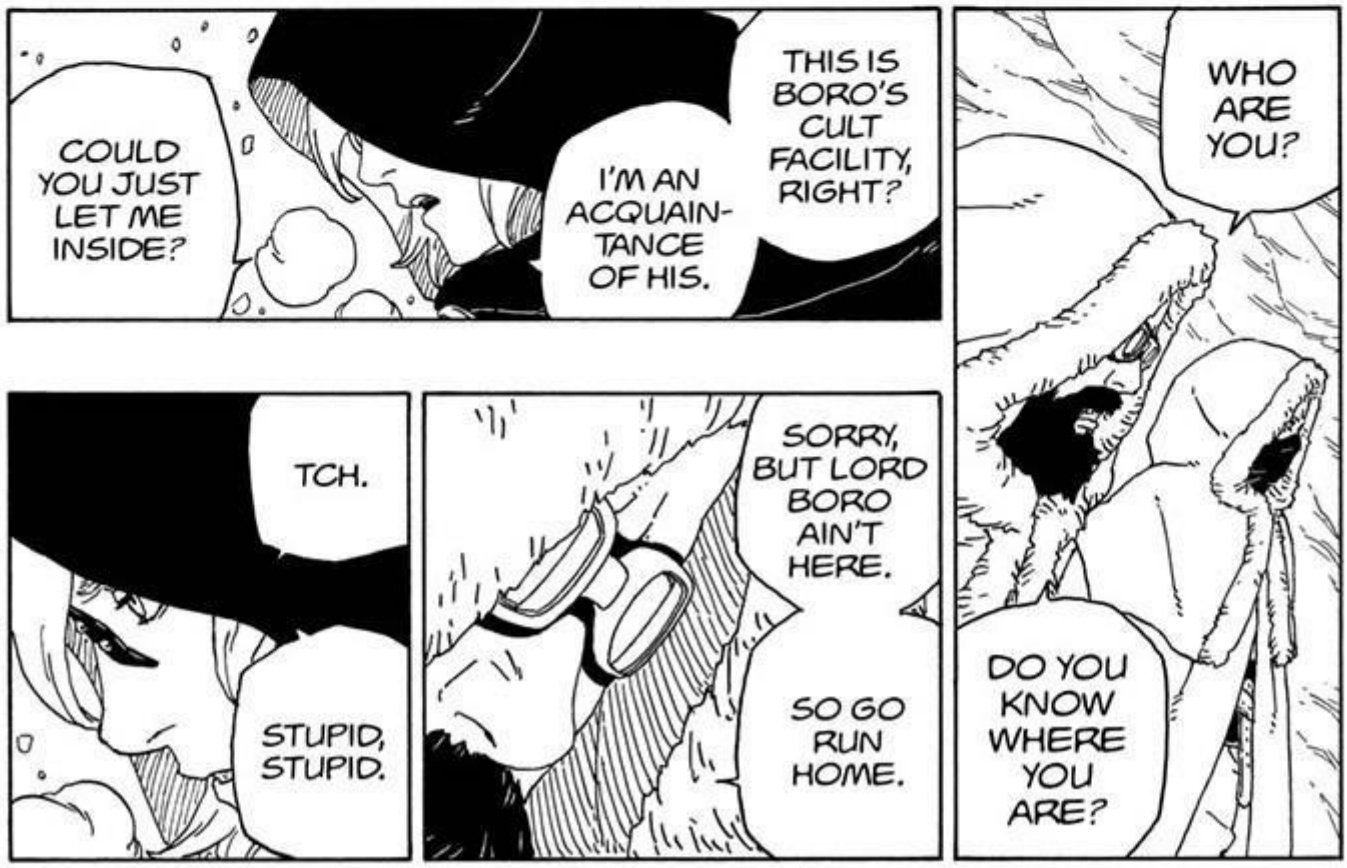
COULD YOU JUST LET ME INSIDE?
I'M AN ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS.
THIS IS BORO'S CULT FACILITY, RIGHT?
WHO ARE YOU?
TCH.
STUPID, STUPID.
SORRY, BUT LORD BORO AIN'T HERE.
SO GO RUN HOME.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE?

THEN AGAIN...
...YOU'D HAVE TO BE DUMB TO BE GATE-KEEPERS...
...IN THIS FREAKIN' FREEZING BACK-COUNTRY.
GCHNG
HALT! THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING!
YEAH...
BEFORE *YOU* DIE.

REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU...
...ABOUT WHEN I WAS FIRST BROUGHT TO KARA?
JIGEN'S RITUAL?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
!
OH, THAT!
THERE WERE ONLY TWO OF US LEFT WHEN IT CAME TO MY TURN.
I TURNED OUT TO BE COMPATIBLE.
I MANAGED TO SURVIVE JIGEN GIVING ME KARMA.
LOTS OF KIDS ARE GIVEN KARMA...
IT'S A RITUAL TO SCREEN OHTSUTSUKI VESSEL CANDIDATES.
...AND THOSE WHO AREN'T COMPATIBLE HAVE SEIZURES AND DIE.

LIKE I MENTIONED BEFORE...
...I PASSED OUT AT THAT POINT AND WAS MOVED ELSEWHERE.
SO I DIDN'T SEE WHAT HAPPENED AFTERWARDS, BUT...
...APPARENTLY JIGEN GAVE THE LAST KID KARMA ALSO.
...
EXCEPT ...
BUT IT FAILED.
JUST LIKE THE OTHER KIDS THAT DIED...
...HIS BODY STARTED TO SHAKE AND SPASM.
HE WASN'T ABLE TO BECOME A VESSEL.
...FOR WHATEVER REASON, HE DIDN'T DIE.
HE SURVIVED, JUST LIKE ME. HE WAS COM-PATIBLE...
...WITH KARMA.

VWWWW
DAK
KACHK

B-BOOM
GWEEE
ZWISHH
DWOOSH

HE VAN-ISHED!
HEY...
WHAT ARE THESE BLACK BANDS?!

SHF
B-BFF

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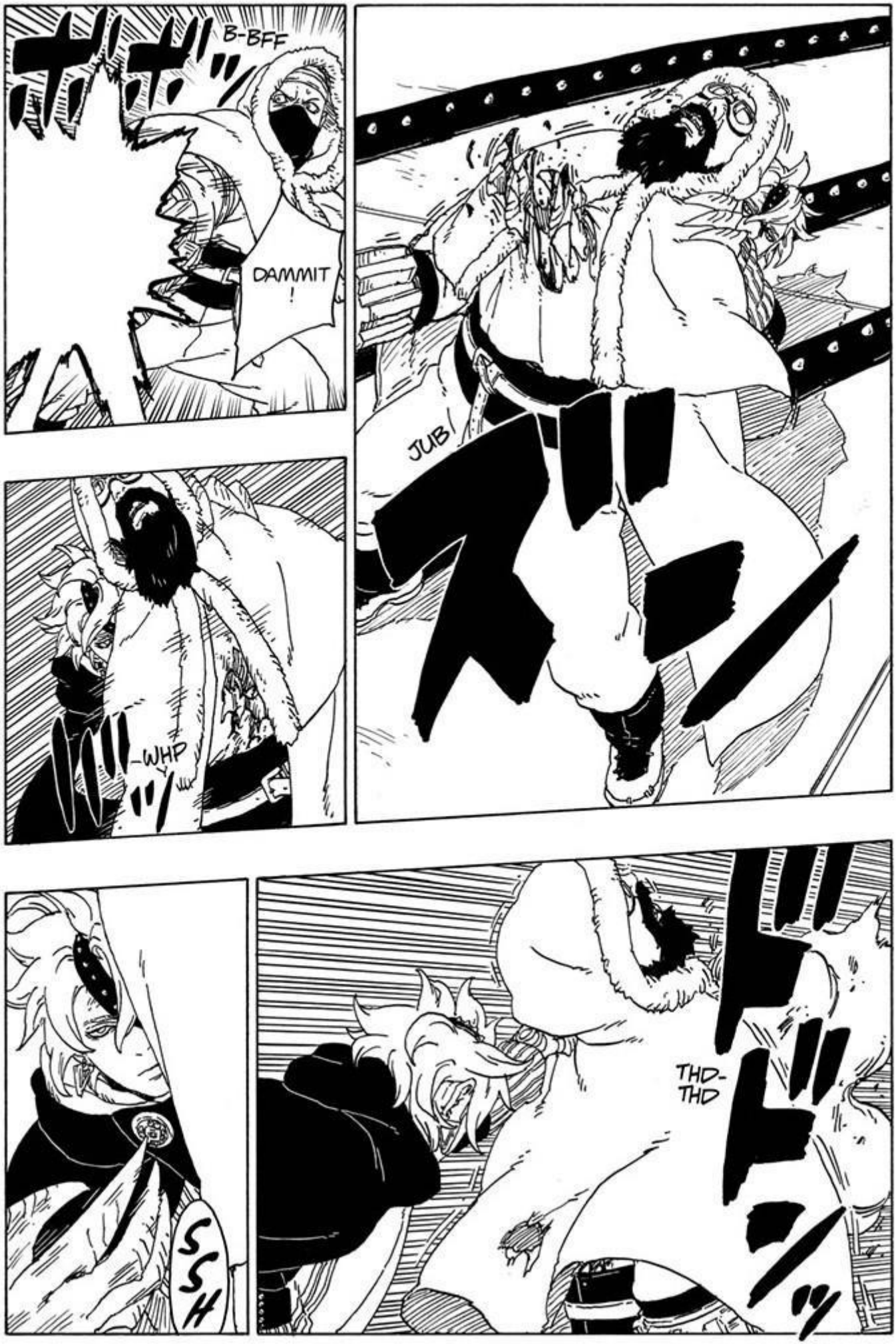
HEY !!
BE-HIND YOU!!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DAMMIT!
JUB!
-WHP
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!
THWAP
UNH!
GGH...!
NNGH...
YOU'VE WORKED SO HARD.
YOU CAN REST NOW.
N-NO.
DON'T!

SLASH
THD
SPATTER
DMP
OH.
HMM.
HUFF HUFF
MOVING AROUND HAS WARMED ME UP A BIT.
BUT IT'S STILL PRETTY COLD.
LET'S GET INSIDE.
VWOOO

IT'S CERTAINLY A RARE CASE, BUT THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.
HE SURVIVED, AND AS A RESULT...
...HIS BODY RETAINS KARMA'S ASPECT OF BEING A WEAPON.
HE CAN'T BE USED AS A VESSEL...
...BUT THE KARMA REMAINED?
THAT'S POS-SIBLE?
EXACTLY.
THERE'S STILL A LOT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT KARMA.
AND THE REACTION THAT TOOK PLACE IN CODE'S BODY...
...IS ESPECIALLY ASTOUNDING. HIS COMBAT ABILITIES EXCEEDED EVEN JIGEN'S.
...
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT MAKES SOMEONE COMPATIBLE.
SO ANY-THING'S POSSIBLE WHEN IT COMES TO THIS.
ALMOST EVERY MEMBER OF KARA...
...HAS HAD THEIR BODY REMODELED IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN IT, BUT...
...IT'S THE EXACT OPPOSITE IN CODE'S CASE.
HE'S HAD LIMITERS PUT IN TO CHECK HIS FORMIDABLE STRENGTH.
IN ORDER TO AVOID THE UNDERMINING OF JIGEN'S POSITION AS LEADER.
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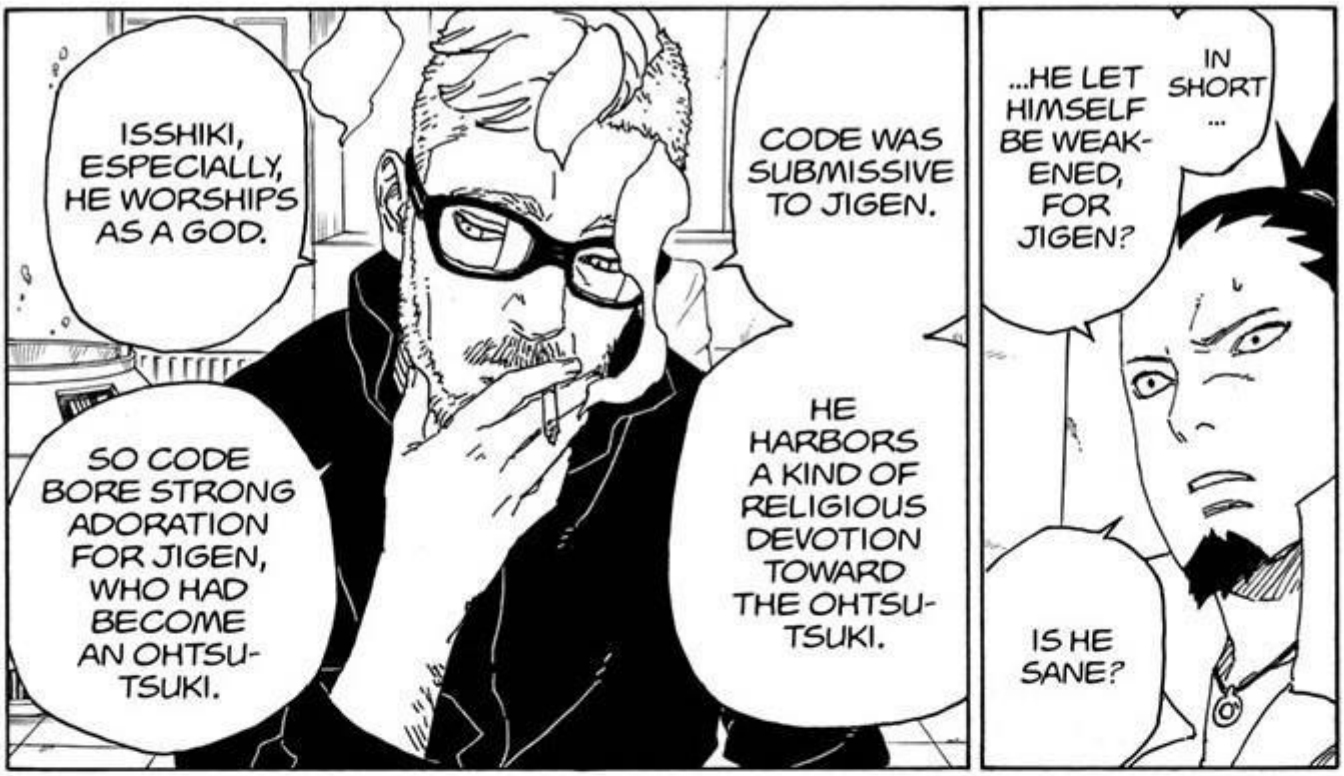
ISSHIKI, ESPECIALLY, HE WORSHIPS AS A GOD.
SO CODE BORE STRONG ADORATION FOR JIGEN, WHO HAD BECOME AN OHTSU-TSUKI.
CODE WAS SUBMISSIVE TO JIGEN.
HE HARBORS A KIND OF RELIGIOUS DEVOTION TOWARD THE OHTSU-TSUKI.
IN SHORT ...
...HE LET HIMSELF BE WEAK-ENED, FOR JIGEN?
IS HE SANE?

...
...THAT GREATLY SURPASSED JIGEN'S POWER, BUT...
ACTUALLY, THERE WERE SEVERAL CYBORGS AMONG THOSE I HAD CREATED...
...THEY WERE ALL DISPOSED OF, AS PER JIGEN'S ORDERS.
AND FOR THAT REASON ...
...HE NURSES INTENSE ENVY OF KAWAKI, WHO WAS CHOSEN...
...AS ISSHIKI'S LEGITIMATE VESSEL.
THAT'S HOW STRONG CODE'S FEELINGS TOWARD OHTSUTSUKI ARE.

WELL, YES.
IT WAS AFTER THAT, UPON TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL SORTS OF SCENARIOS, THAT I CAME UP WITH KASHIN KOJI.
BUT I DIGRESS.
...
HAD YOU BUILT THEM TO TAKE JIGEN DOWN?
THESE CY-BORGS ?
TO SUM IT UP ...
CODE IS AN EXCEPTION WHO ESCAPED DISPOSAL DUE TO HIS UNWAVERING LOYALTY.
HE WAS JIGEN'S STRONG RIGHT-HAND MAN.
IF HE FINDS OUT ISSHIKI'S BEEN DEFEATED...
...HE WILL LIKELY SEEK RETRIBUTION.
I'VE BEEN MARKED SINCE I BETRAYED KARA.
KAWAKI AS WELL.
...
THEN I'LL BE A TARGET, FOR SURE.
WORST CASE, BORUTO TOO.
WHAT ABOUT THESE LIMITERS YOU INSTALLED IN CODE?
HE CAN'T JUST TURN THEM OFF WITH A THOUGHT, CAN HE?

I KNOW I'LL BREAK PRETTY EASILY.
I'M NOT A PRO LIKE THE TWO OF YOU.
...IF HE WERE TO KIDNAP AND TORTURE ME, YOU'RE IN TROUBLE.
NO WORRIES THERE.
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN RESCIND THEM.
AL-THOUGH ...
I WANNA SHARE OUR CHRONOLOGY AND INTEL WITH THE OTHER VILLAGES.
SHIKAMARU, MAKE THE ARRANGE-MENTS.
ALL RIGHT. FOR NOW...
...DEALING WITH CODE WILL BE PRIORITY NUMBER ONE.
GAH. FINE.
WE'LL KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON YOU.
IT'S GOKAGE SUMMIT TIME!
VWOOOO
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...IMPLANTING THIS IN SOMEONE ELSE.
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT...
...IT WOULD STAND TO REASON THAT WE COULD USE...
...THEIR SPECIAL MOVES AND JUTSU. LIKE SPACE-TIME NINJUTSU.
IF WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BECOME OHTSUTSUKI...
...I FEEL LIKE...
...IT'S POSSIBLE.
BUT NOW THAT...
...YOU MENTION IT...
...HE SURVIVED BEING GIVEN KARMA.
THAT'S WHAT'S KEY.
I HAVE NO IDEA, BUT...
...AT THE VERY LEAST...
IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE TO GIVE HIM A DIFFERENT KARMA?
BUT THIS GUY CODE.
HE ALREADY HAS KARMA, RIGHT?

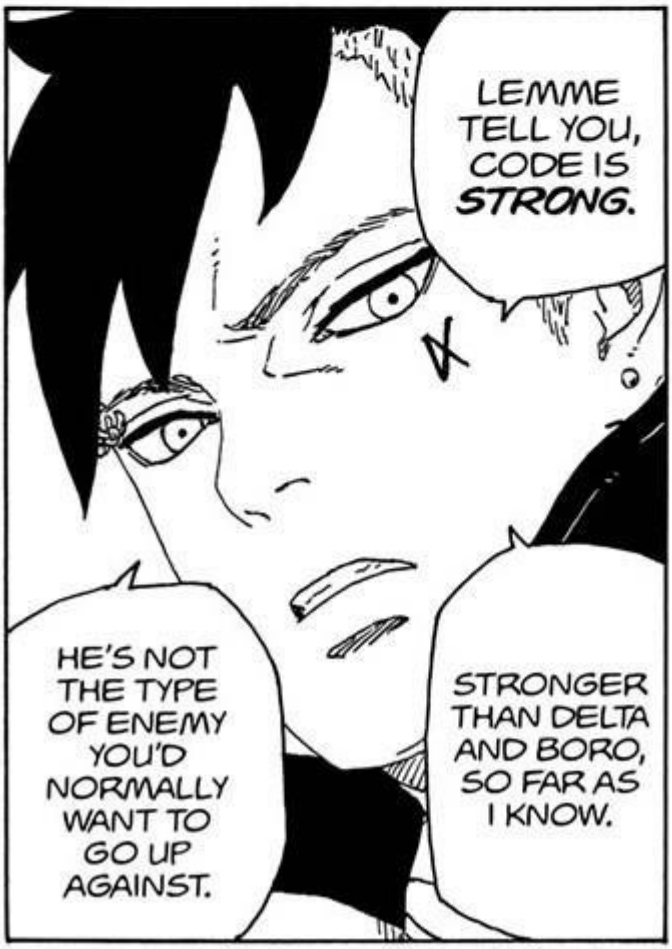
IF IT WERE SO EASY FOR KARMA TO STICK, JIGEN WOULDN'T HAVE HAD SO MUCH TROUBLE.
SO IT MAKES SENSE TO TRY SOM-EONE WHO'S ALREADY SURVIVED IT ONCE.
PLUS, HE ISN'T ANYONE'S VESSEL.

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
YOU'VE GOT NO CHOICE...
...UNLESS YOU WANNA DIE.

FOR SURE.
...I'M FEEL-ING REALLY RELUCTANT ABOUT FORCING THIS THING...
BUT YOU KNOW...
...UPON SOME-BODY.

...

DAD NO LONGER HAS KURAMA'S POWER..
BESIDES, WE CAN'T JUST KEEP DEPEND-ING ON HIM FOREVER.
...SO HE WON'T BE AS STRONG AS HE USED TO BE.
WE GOTTA STEP UP.


LEMME TELL YOU, CODE IS STRONG.
HE'S NOT THE TYPE OF ENEMY YOU'D NORMALLY WANT TO GO UP AGAINST.
STRONGER THAN DELTA AND BORO, SO FAR AS I KNOW.

DO YOU KNOW, KAWAKI...
...WHAT WE SHINOBI DO IN TIMES LIKE THESE?
I DUNNO HOW STRONG THIS CODE IS, BUT...
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
...
HUH?
WE TRAIN!!
DUH!
C'MON, LET'S GO!!

TNK

MY WORD! IF IT ISN'T CODE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ON AN ERRAND FOR JIGEN?

HEY, BUG.

JIGEN'S DEAD.
LIKELY BORO TOO.

HOW'S EIDA?
THINGS HAVE GOTTEN BUSY REAL SUDDEN. BY THE WAY...
A LOT.
HEY NOW.
TROUBLE'S AFOOT, I SEE. WHAT'S HAP-PENING?
...
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENT TO DEFY YOU, TRULY, BUT...
IF YOU'RE LYING, I'LL...
A-ARE YOU CERTAIN THAT BORO IS DEAD?
I'M PRETTY SURE BORO SECRETLY STORED SEVERAL CYBORGS HERE...
...THAT JIGEN HAD ORDERED TO BE SCRAPPED.
THOUGH I DON'T KNOW HIS MOTIVE. MAYBE SOME ACE UP HIS SLEEVE?
ANYWAY, TAKE ME TO THEM.
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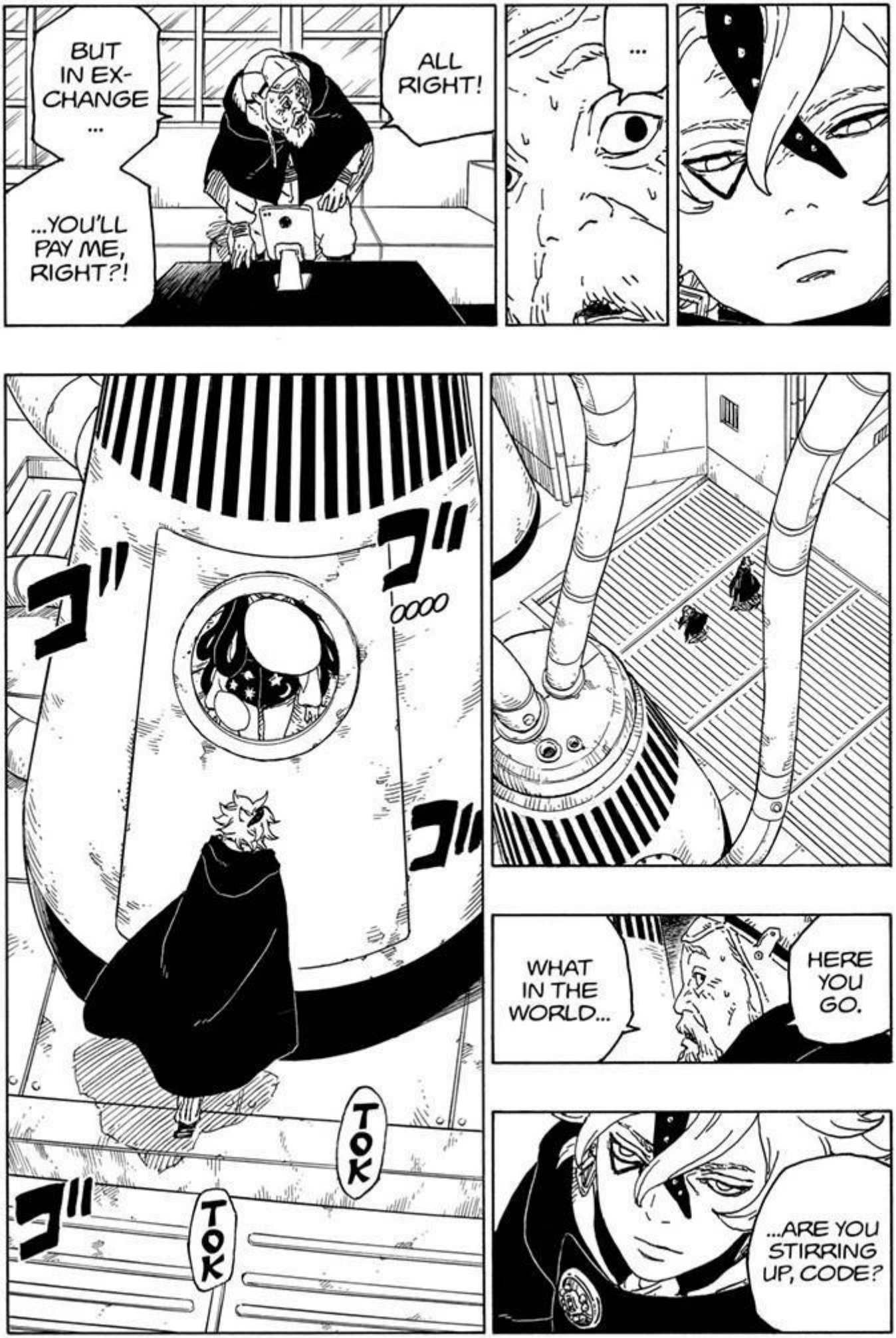
W-WHAT ...
... ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


ALL RIGHT!
BUT IN EX-CHANGE ...
...YOU'LL PAY ME, RIGHT?!
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TOK
HERE YOU GO.
WHAT IN THE WORLD...
...ARE YOU STIRRING UP, CODE?

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HELLO, EIDA.
YOU WHO KNOWS EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD...

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BORUTO
-NARUTO NEXT GENERATIONS-

BORO, YOU BASTARD ...
I DUNNO WHAT YOU WERE PLOTTING, BUT THAT'S JUST ASKING FOR TROUBLE.
YOU REALLY HAD DISOBEYED JIGEN'S ORDER AND PRESERVED HER.
VWOOO
WHY DIDN'T YOU REPORT...
...BORO'S TRANSGRESSION TO JIGEN?
IF YOU ASK ME, YOUR KNOWING ABOUT HER IS MORE OF A SURPRISE.
AND EVEN I DON'T HAVE THE HEART TO TAKE DOWN A GOOD-NATURED BUDDY.
IF BORO WERE TO INCUR JIGEN'S WRATH, I'D BE THE ONE WHO'D END UP HAVING TO DISPOSE OF HIM.
PLUS...
CUZ I WASN'T SURE OF IT UNTIL I SAW HER FOR MYSELF.

LET'S WAKE HER UP.
WE'LL TALK AFTER.
WELL, I NEVER DREAMED THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN SHE'D COME IN HANDY...
I BET YOU WOULDN'T EVEN BLINK.
YEAH, RIGHT.
ABOUT HER ABILITIES?
...YOU DO KNOW, RIGHT?
I REALIZE I'VE ALREADY GUIDED YOU HERE, BUT...
...
BUT I BET...
...WHAT YOU'RE THINKING IS TOO NAIVE...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU PLAN TO HAVE HER DO...
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW.
"SHE WHO KNOWS EVERY-THING IN THIS WORLD"...
THAT'S ALL I'VE HEARD.
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WHAT IS IT?
QUIT PRAT-TLING.
JUST SPILL IT.
YOU CAN'T MAKE HER OBEY USING BRUTE FORCE.
NOT EIDA, OUT OF ALL OF THEM. SHE'S IN...
...A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CLASS.
PLINK
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KLONGG
ZWISH
PSHHH
WAAH!
FP

IF SHE DEFIES ME, I'LL JUST KILL HER.
I'LL ASK HER DIRECTLY.
CODE, YOU BASTARD!!
I WASN'T DONE EXPLAINING!
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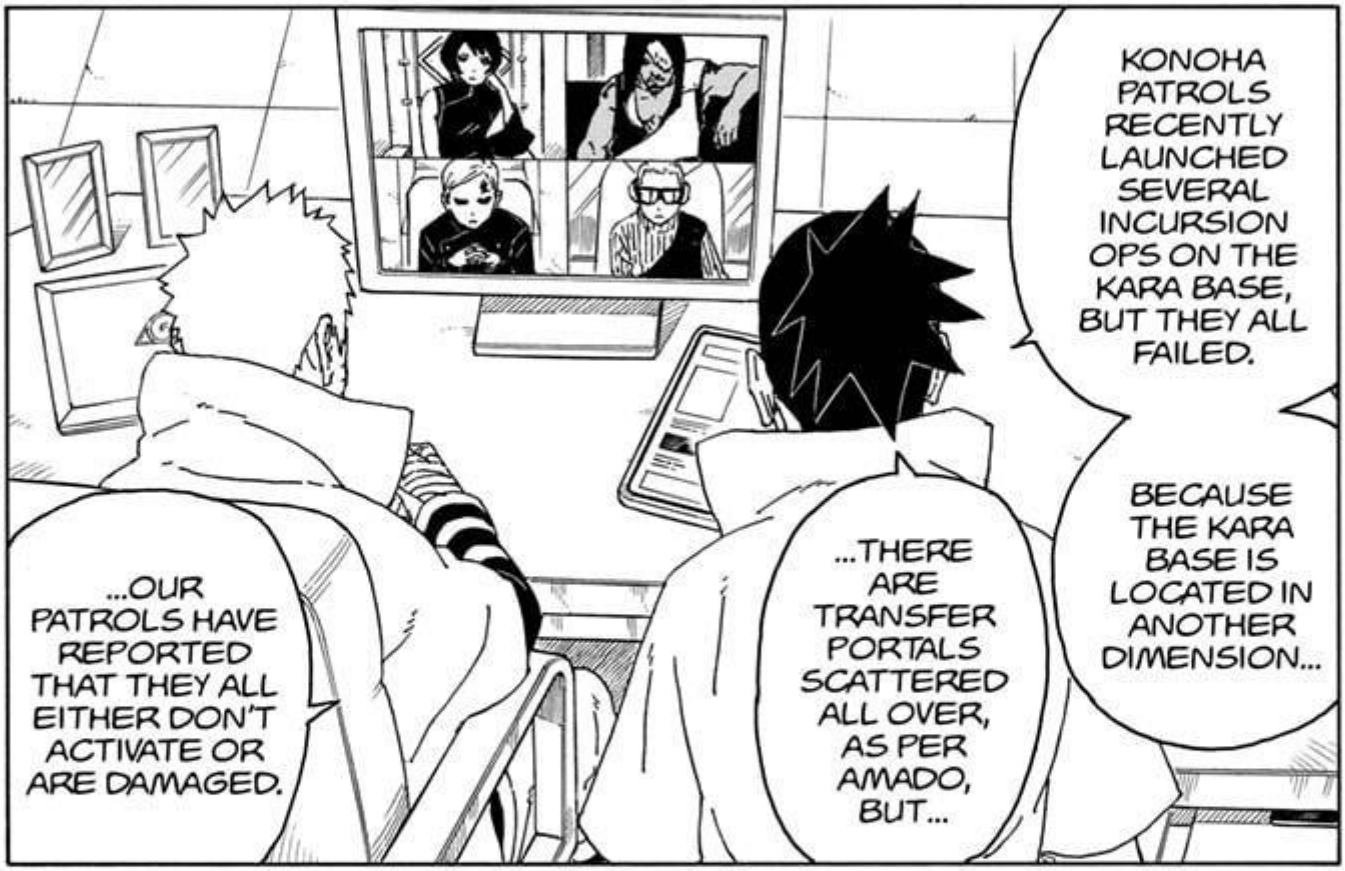
THE MATERIAL YOU HAVE IN HAND HAS HIS DETAILS.
THE TARGET IS CODE, A KARA HOLDOUT.


...OUR PATROLS HAVE REPORTED THAT THEY ALL EITHER DON'T ACTIVATE OR ARE DAMAGED.
...THERE ARE TRANSFER PORTALS SCATTERED ALL OVER, AS PER AMADO, BUT...
BECAUSE THE KARA BASE IS LOCATED IN ANOTHER DIMENSION...
KONOHA PATROLS RECENTLY LAUNCHED SEVERAL INCURSION OPS ON THE KARA BASE, BUT THEY ALL FAILED.

THAT'S THEIR ONLY BASE?
THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER RELATED FACILITIES?

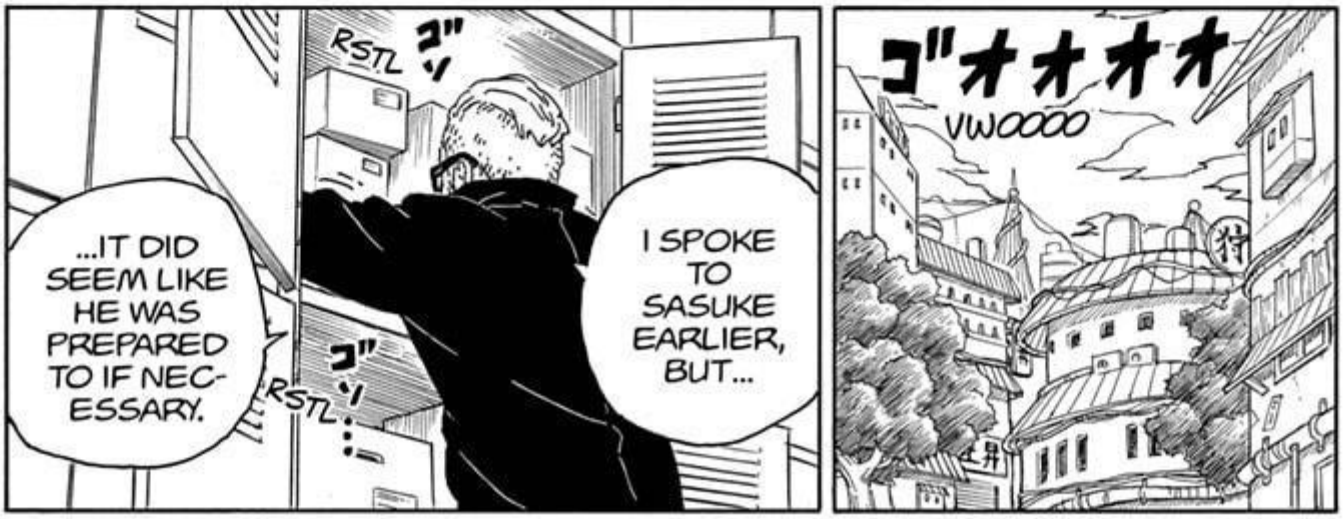
SO YOU SHOULD OPERATE UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT HE ALREADY KNOWS THAT AMADO HAS SURRENDERED TO KONOHA.
IT SEEMS HE ANTICIPATED US GETTING THIS INTEL AND DECIDED TO ACT PREEMPTIVELY.

SO NO CLUES, HUH.
WHAT'S THE PLAN THEN?
WE'RE STILL TRACKING LEADS BASED ON AMADO'S INTEL, BUT...
...HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE STUPID ENOUGH TO SHOW UP AT A REGULAR HAUNT.
...AS OF NOW, THEY'VE ALL BEEN BUSTS. AT THE VERY LEAST...
SPECIFICALLY, THE MURDER OF THE HOKAGE AND SEVERAL OTHER KONOHA SHINOBI.
AND THE SECOND IS...
WE THINK HE HAS TWO BROAD CONCERNS.
THE FIRST IS RETALIATING AGAINST THOSE INVOLVED IN SUBDUING OHTSUTSUKI ISSHIKI.
WE PREDICT HIS MOVES AND INTERCEPT HIM?
WHAT ARE HIS MOTIVES?
TEN TAILS?
WE HAVE TO FIGHT THAT MONSTER AGAIN?
...CULTIVATING A DIVINE TREE FROM TEN TAILS.

ALL RIGHT, I GET YOUR SITUA-TION.
ONE BASIC QUES-TION THOUGH...
BUT THAT'S PARTLY WHY WE NEED TO FIND CODE NOW.
TO THWART HIS PLAN.
WORST-CASE SCENARIO, YES.
...
THIS SCIENTIST AMADO THAT YOU'VE GOT...
CAN WE REALLY TRUST HIM?
IF YOU WANT MY PERSONAL OPINION...
NO, I DON'T TRUST HIM 100 PERCENT.
THIS DEPEN-DENCE ON A BASTARD WHO UNTIL JUST RECENTLY BELONGED TO THE ENEMY ORGANI-ZATION...
YOU SURE HE'S NOT USING YOU FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES?
I TRUST *YOU*, KONOHA.
BUT...

AS LONG AS THAT WASN'T ALL A GIANT DOG AND PONY SHOW.
WELL, IT DOES SEEM LIKE HIS LIFE IS BEING TARGETED...
...AND HIS INTEL ITSELF, AT LEAST, IS CREDIBLE TO A CERTAIN EXTENT.
IT WOULDN'T BE AN OVERSTATEMENT TO SAY THAT WITHOUT HIS HELP, THERE WOULDN'T STILL BE A VILLAGE.
BUT AMADO CAME THROUGH WITH FLYING COLORS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST ISSHIKI.
SO THE PROOF IS IN THE RESULTS.
WE'RE STILL SEARCHING FOR AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION.
BUT IT'S NOT LOOKING GOOD...
THOUGH BORUTO HIMSELF IS DOING FINE.
WHAT OF MOMOSHIKI'S KARMA?
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, IN TERMS OF ISSHIKI, BUT...
IS BORUTO ALL RIGHT, NARUTO?
THE KARA HOLDOUT IS A PROBLEM TOO, BUT...
...THIS ISSUE, FRANKLY, IS MY BIGGER CONCERN.
IF MOMOSHIKI, OR BORUTO HIMSELF, WERE TO BECOME AN ISSHIKI-LEVEL THREAT...
SORRY TO BE HARSH, BUT...

...
WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO TAKE DOWN...
...YOUR OWN SON?
I'LL DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
AS HOKAGE.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...IT DID SEEM LIKE HE WAS PREPARED TO IF NEC-ESSARY.
RSTL
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I SPOKE TO SASUKE EARLIER, BUT...
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VWOOOO

...WILL BECOME ANOTHER PERSON ENTIRELY.
A BRUTAL OHTSU-TSUKI, NO LESS.
FOR ME...
I JUST HAVE TROUBLE BELIEVING ANY OF IT. THAT MY PRECIOUS SON...
...
HFF
I USED TO HAVE A DAUGHTER.
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.
OH!
AND EVEN IF THAT WORST-CASE POSSIBILITY WERE TO BECOME REALITY...
...I'D RATHER KEEP ON NOT BELIEVING IT...
...UNTIL THE MOMENT IT HAPPENS.

I SEE ...
...
HERE WE GO.
THIS IS IT.
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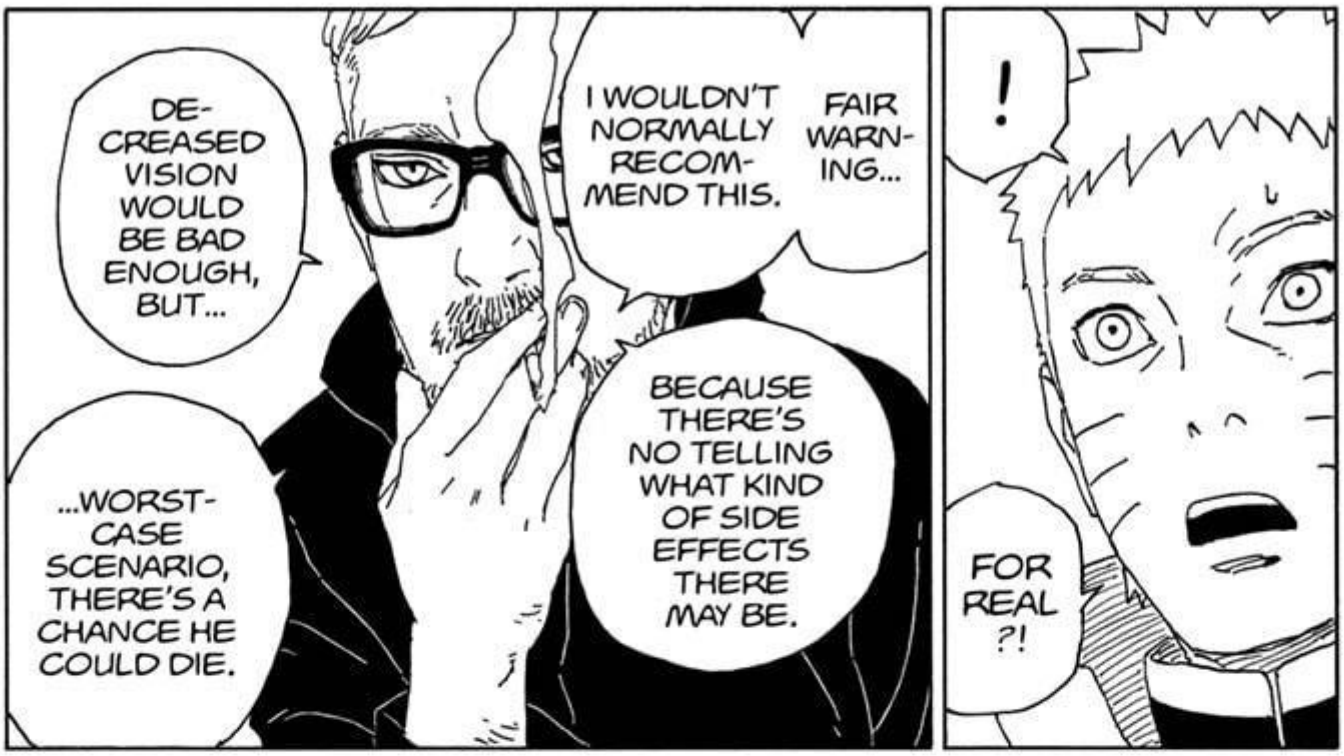
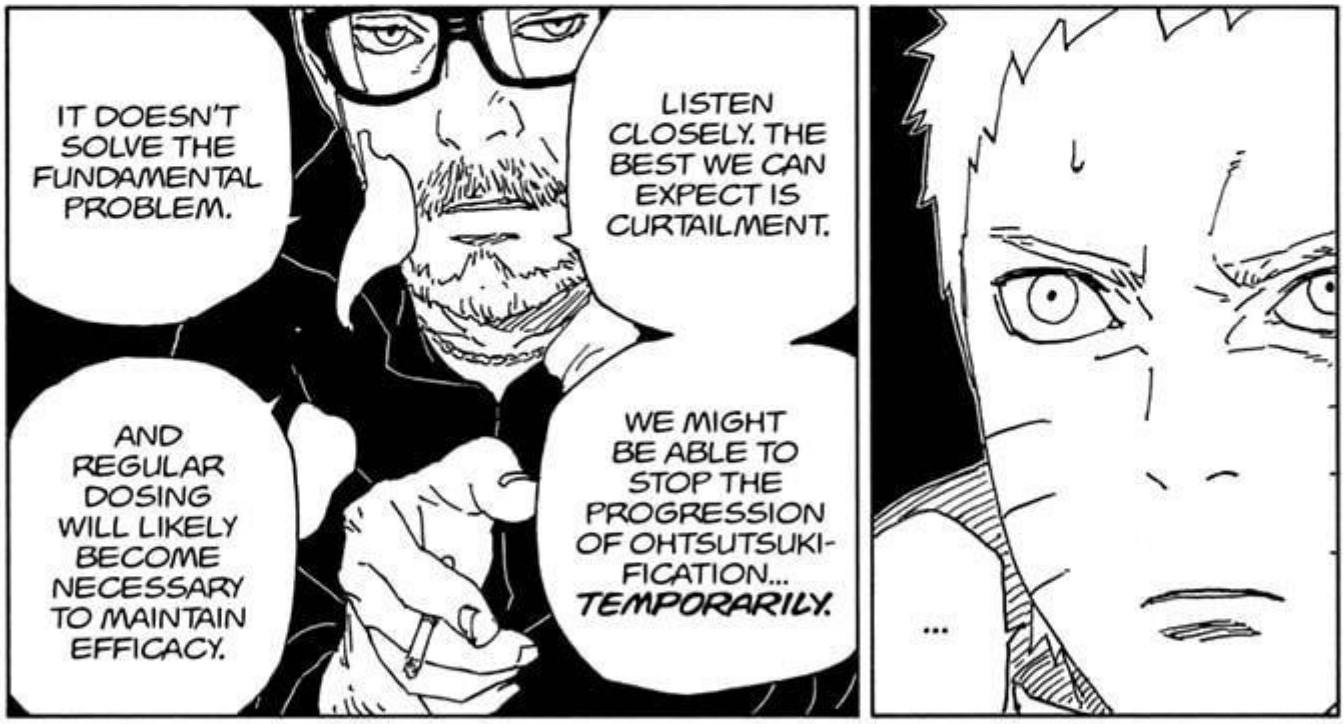
RSTL
SHE DIED THOUGH.
IT'S BEEN 12 YEARS ALREADY.
TNK
RATHER, YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY YOU'VE COME TO ME.
IT'S NOT THAT YOU DON'T...
...WANT TO BELIEVE.

SOME SORT OF MEDICINE?
WHAT'S THIS?
...
WHAT ?!
!
IT'S A DRUG I CRAFTED WITH THE AIM OF WEAKENING A BYAKUGAN'S POWER.
I DID EVERY CONCEIV-ABLE THING TO TAKE JIGEN DOWN.
THIS WAS ONE BY-PRODUCT OF THAT.
DON'T ASK FOR THE DETAILS.
THAT WAS THE ORIGINAL PLAN.
THE ORIGIN OF BYAKUGAN LIES WITH OHTSUTSUKI.
SO WEAKEN-ING THE BYAKUGAN...
...MIGHT HAVE THE EFFECT OF CURTAILING THE OHTSUTSUKI-FICATION OF BORUTO'S CELLS.


DE-CREASED VISION WOULD BE BAD ENOUGH, BUT...
I WOULDN'T NORMALLY RECOM-MEND THIS.
FAIR WARN-ING...
BECAUSE THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT KIND OF SIDE EFFECTS THERE MAY BE.
...WORST-CASE SCENARIO, THERE'S A CHANCE HE COULD DIE.
!
FOR REAL ?!


IT DOESN'T SOLVE THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM.
LISTEN CLOSELY. THE BEST WE CAN EXPECT IS CURTAILMENT.
AND REGULAR DOSING WILL LIKELY BECOME NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN EFFICACY.
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO STOP THE PROGRESSION OF OHTSUTSUKI-FICATION... *TEMPORARILY.*
...

...BUT MAKE SURE YOUR WIFE AND DAUGHTER DON'T TAKE THESE.
AND I'M SURE YOU REALIZE THIS...
THOUGH IN THE END, IT'S STILL BORUTO'S DECISION.
YOU NEED TO CONSIDER ALL THAT VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION.

THIS IS THE MOST I CAN DO.
COME BACK IF YOU NEED MORE.
FSH
I OWE YOU ONE.
THANKS, AMADO.
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I'M CODE.
MORNING, EIDA.
SORRY TO WAKE YOU SO SUDDENLY.
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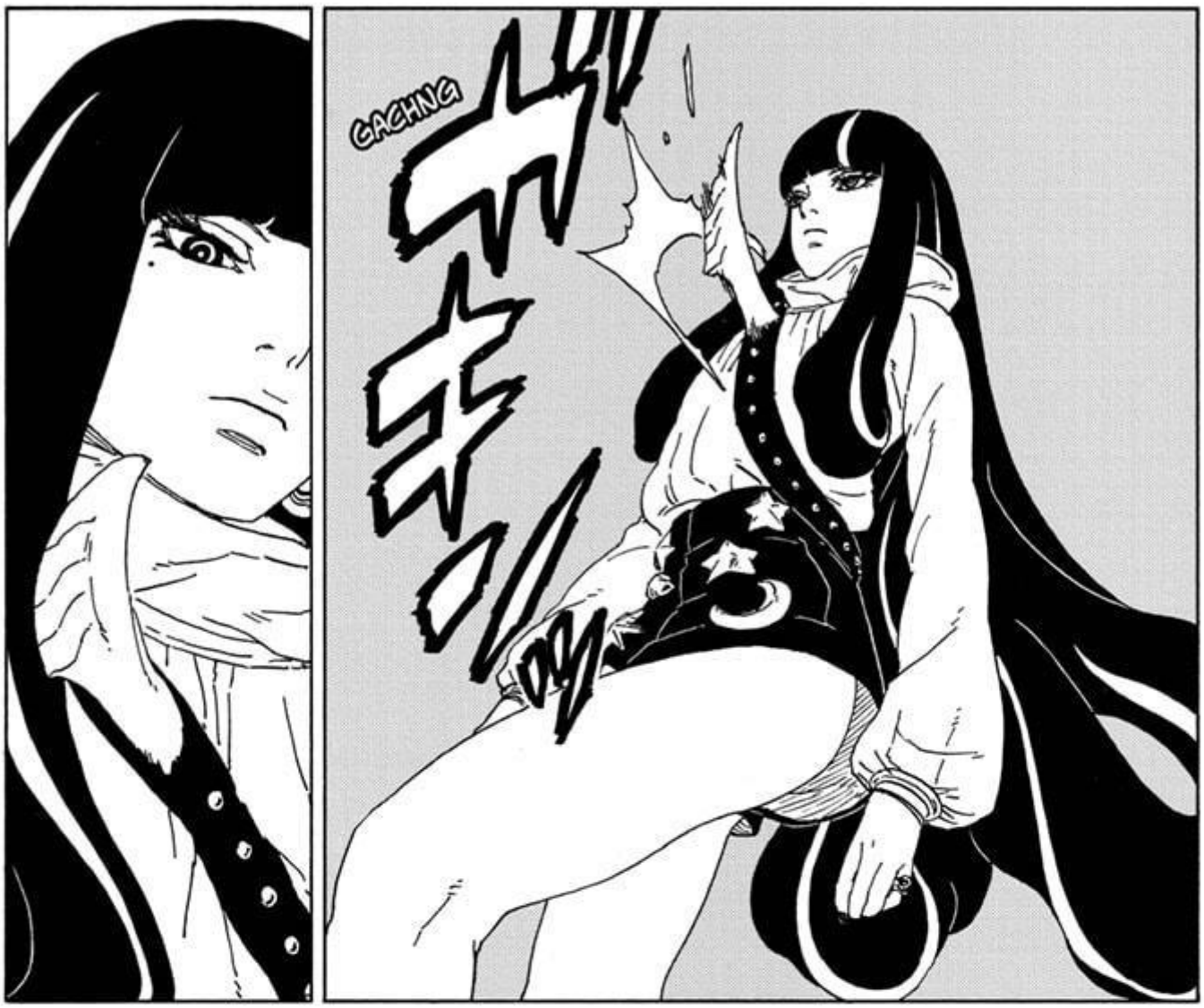
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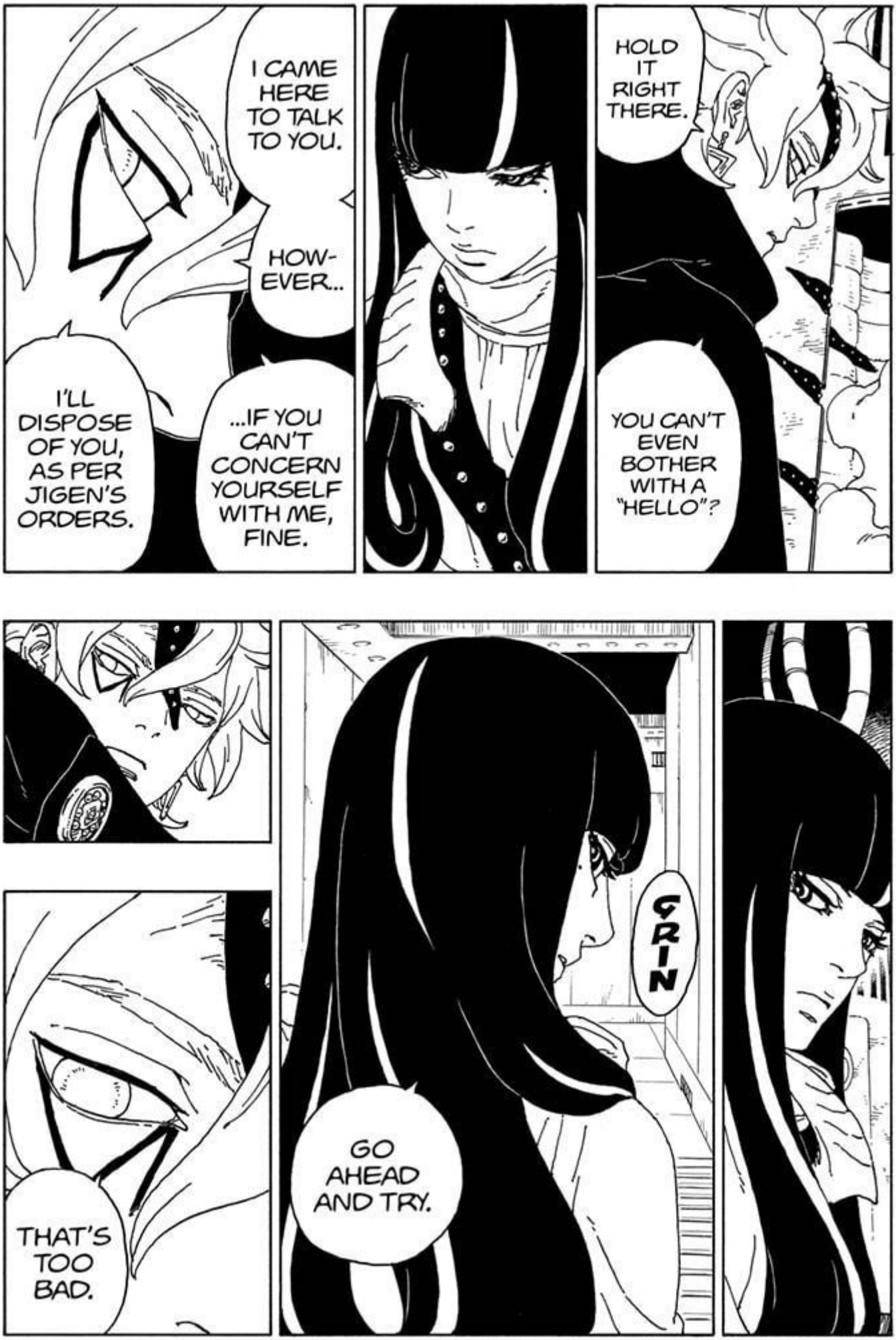
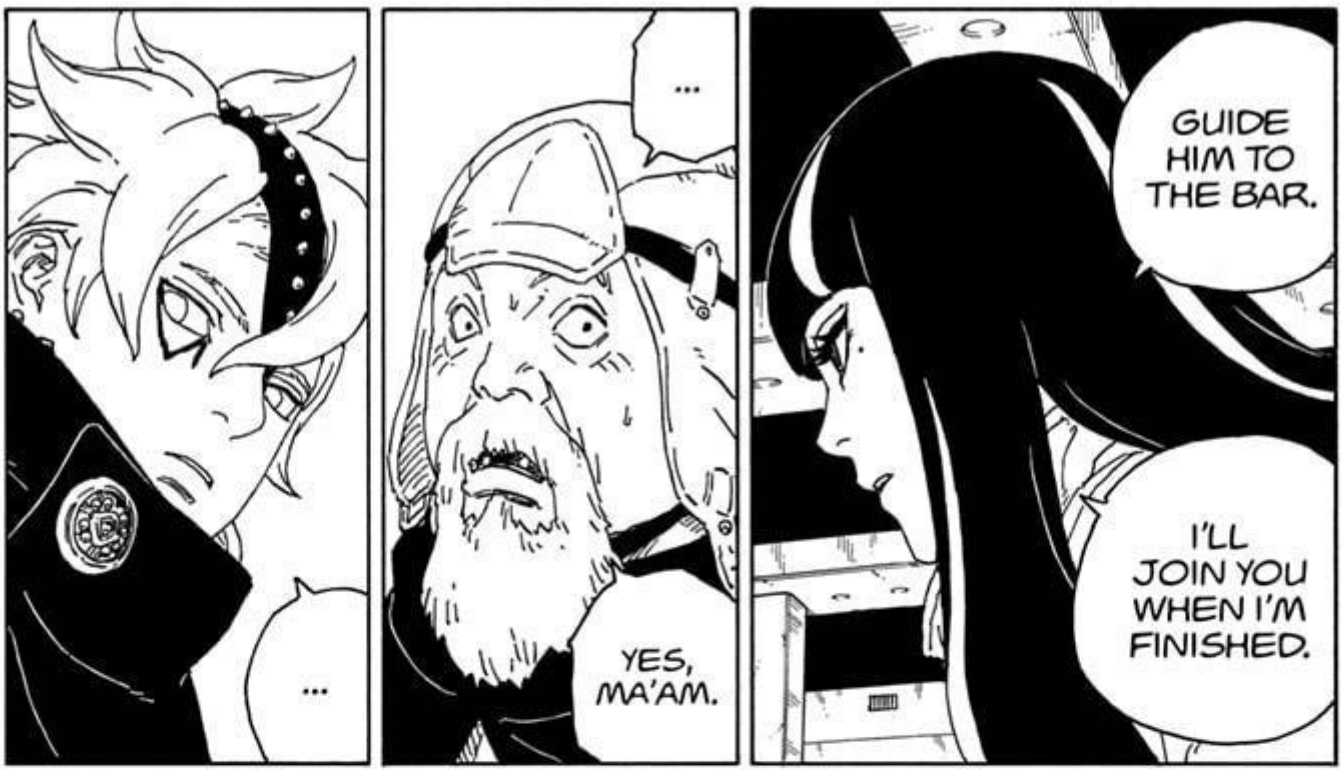

I CAME HERE TO TALK TO YOU.
HOW-EVER...
I'LL DISPOSE OF YOU, AS PER JIGEN'S ORDERS.
...IF YOU CAN'T CONCERN YOURSELF WITH ME, FINE.
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.
YOU CAN'T EVEN BOTHER WITH A "HELLO"?
THAT'S TOO BAD.
GO AHEAD AND TRY.
GRIN

ZB
?
?
!
ZBB
WHAT THE?!
OR RATHER..
...THEY WON'T DO WHAT I TELL THEM TO?
I CAN'T MOVE MY HANDS...

SEE?
YOU CAN'T, CAN YOU?
!
...IS ONE OF HER ABILITIES TOO?
THIS...
I'M SORRY, CODE.
I WASN'T IGNORING YOU.
YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN ASLEEP A LONG TIME, SO...
...I'M WORRIED I HAVE BAD BREATH.
BUG.
JOLT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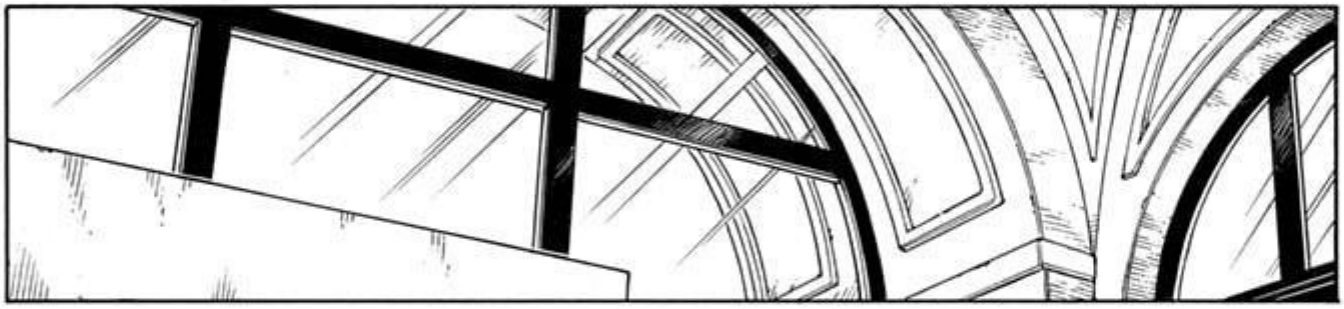
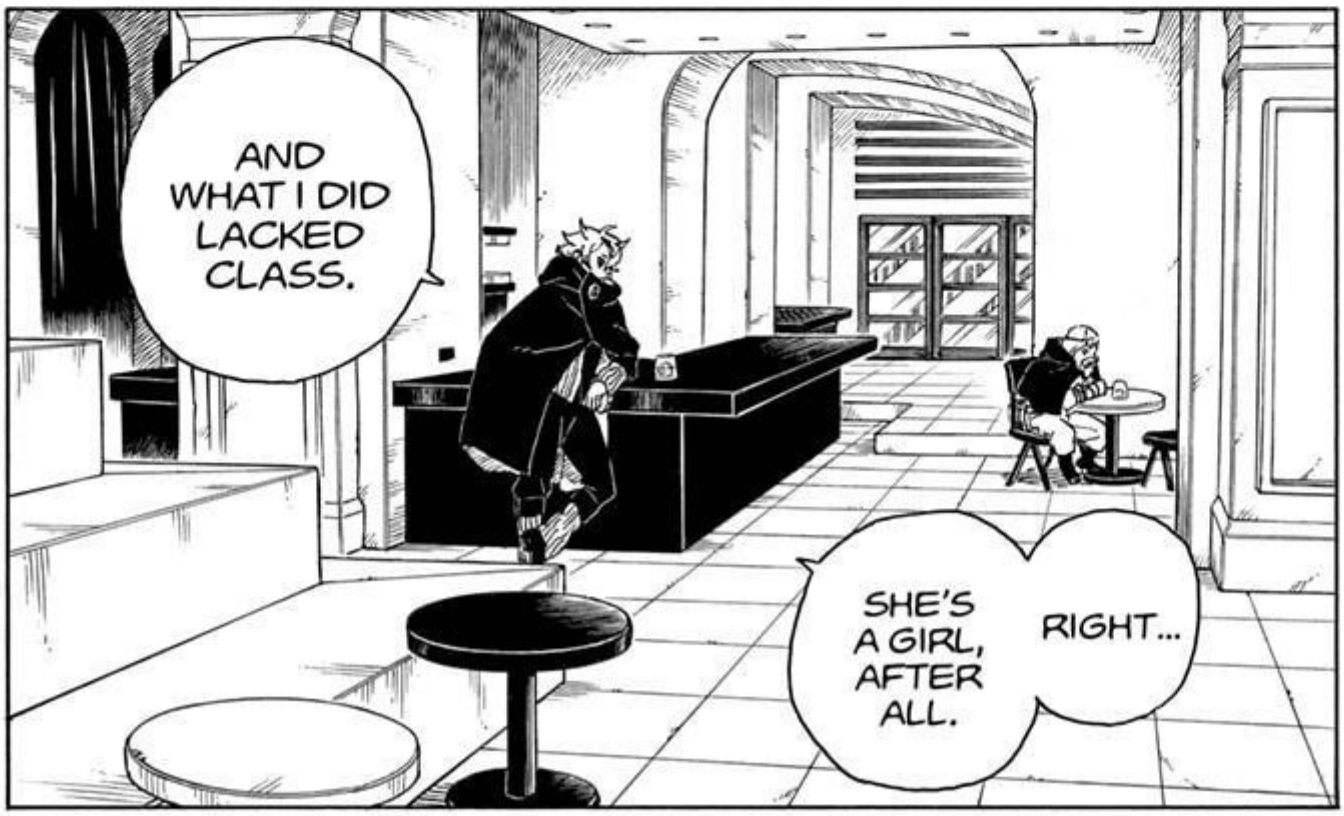
...
YES, MA'AM.
GUIDE HIM TO THE BAR.
I'LL JOIN YOU WHEN I'M FINISHED.




AND WHAT I DID LACKED CLASS.
SHE'S A GIRL, AFTER ALL.
RIGHT...

YOU'VE ...
...GOTTEN YOURSELF ENSNARED IN HER SPELL ALREADY!
DON'T BE STUPID, CODE!
DRAG-GING ME INTO THIS MESS...
HEY, BUG.
WHADDAYA THINK?
IS SHE INTER-ESTED IN ME?
SHKK
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MY HEART'S POUNDING HARDER THE LONGER I WAIT.
YEAH.
IS THIS A TACTIC OF HERS TOO?
PTOO
IT'S HER ABILITY!
SHE'S STOLEN YOUR HEART!!
FOOL!!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

YOU'RE TOTALLY DONE FOR.
IT'S THE REASON YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO ATTACK HER EARLIER.

TO HAVE YET ANOTHER ABILITY...
CLAIR-VOYANCE IS CHEATING ENOUGH.
THAT'S INCREDI-BLE.
THAT'S AMAZING.

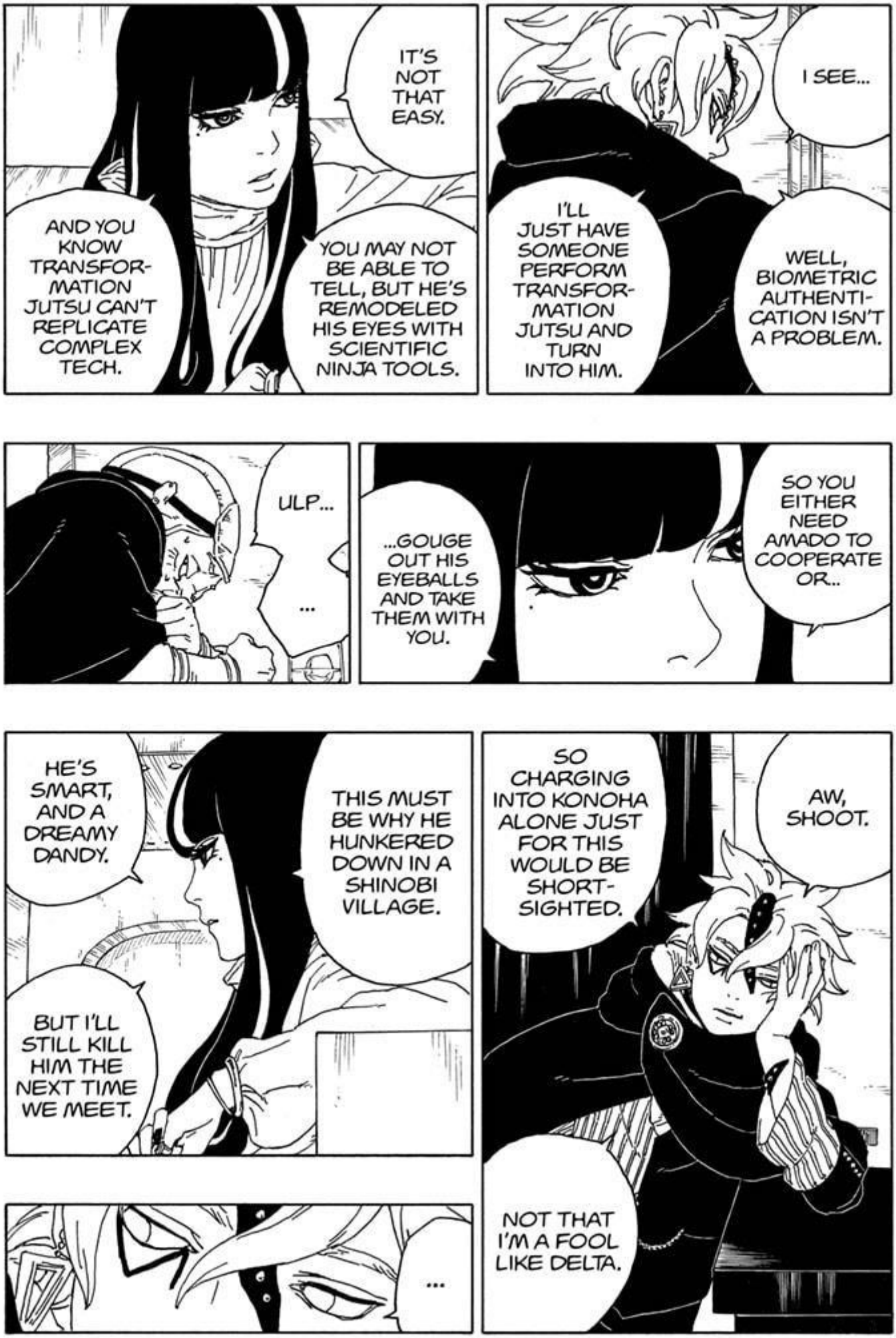
AN ABILITY...
...TO STEAL ONE'S HEART?

LET'S SAY...
...THERE WERE SECURITY CAMERAS IN EVERY NOOK OF THE WORLD...
...AND YOU COULD ACCESS THEM WHENEVER YOU WANTED.
TK
TK
OVER-BLOWN IS WHAT IT IS.
IT'S NOT SUCH A GOOD THING.
TK
TK
TK
FOR THE MOST PART, I'M SUPER BORED.
THOUGH OCCA-SIONALLY, I'LL SEE SOME-THING INTER-ESTING.
COULD YOU WATCH THEM ALL DAY?
TK
TK
...
TK

OHTSUTSUKI ISSHIKI DYING?
REALLY...
...INTER-ESTING HAPPEN RECENTLY ?
SO? ANY-THING...
LET'S SEE...
...
AND THEN ISSHIKI'S DEAD SOUL GRIPED AT YOU... HE SEEMED TO BE...
...GOING ON FOR A WHILE, SO I STOPPED LISTENING PARTWAY THROUGH.
BUT POOR YOU, TO BE TASKED WITH SO MANY THINGS.
IT WAS PRETTY PATHETIC. IT MADE ME LAUGH.
I'M SAD THAT I CAN'T SHOW IT TO YOU.
...

WELL...
IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN TO OTHERS, BUT...
...IT FEELS LIKE JUST MY CONSCIOUS-NESS HAS JUMPED THERE.
I CAN SEE THE PAST TOO.
WOW.
YOUR CLAIR-VOYANCE IS THE REAL DEAL.
HOW DOES IT WORK?
FINE.
I'LL ONLY GUESS AT YOUR AGE THEN.
CAN YOU SEE THE FUTURE?
AND I'LL SAY THIS RIGHT NOW...
I CAN'T SEE EVENTS THAT HAPPENED BEFORE I WAS BORN THOUGH.
DON'T EVEN THINK OF ASKING SUCH A BOORISH THING AS HOW MANY YEARS INTO THE PAST I CAN LOOK.
NO.
IT'S NOT PRECOG-NITION.
I CAN ONLY SEE CURRENT EVENTS IN REAL TIME...
...OR PICK SCENES FROM THE PAST TO WATCH.

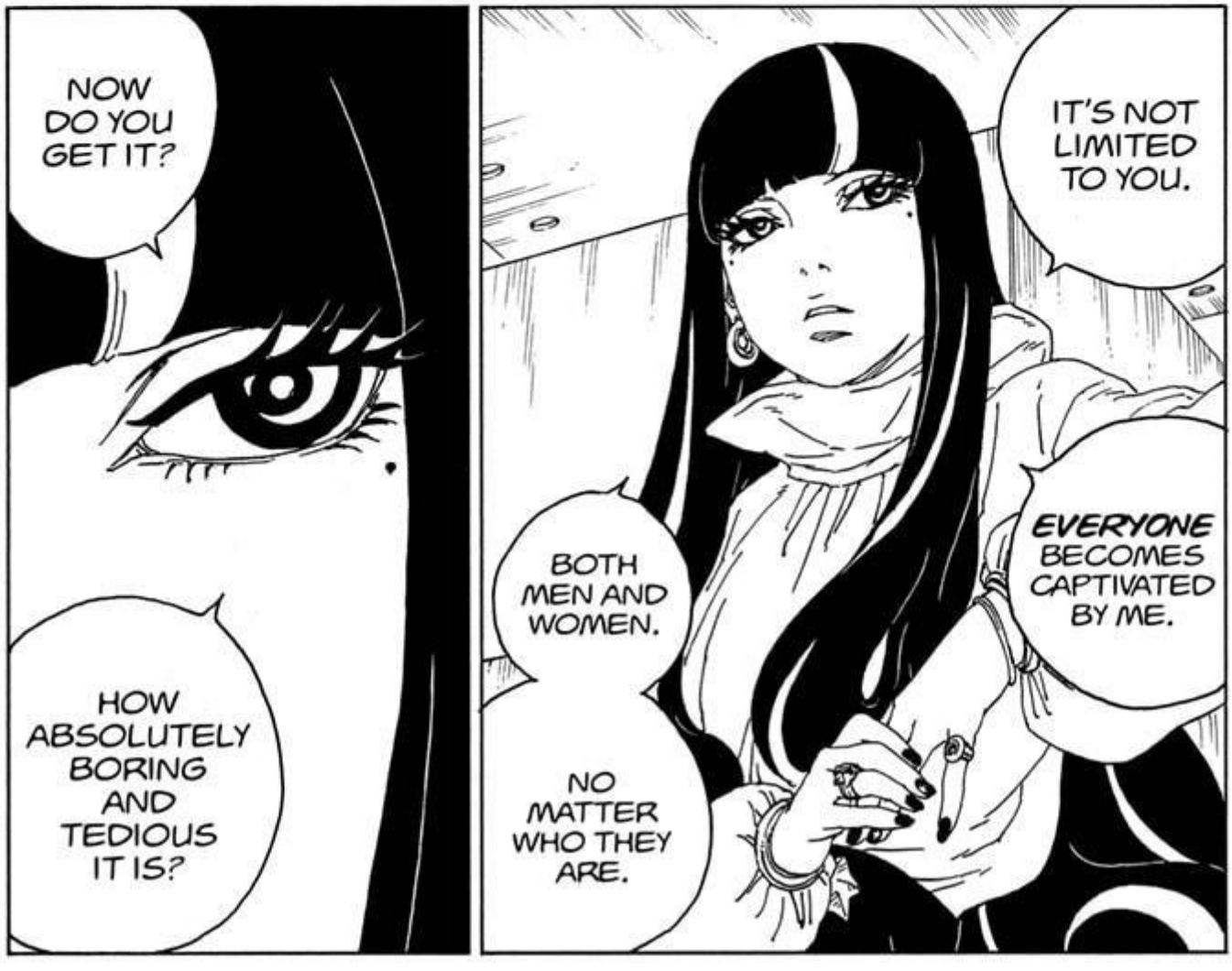
REALLY?
I'M FLATTERED.
I DID PREDICT THAT YOU WOULD COME VISIT ME.
CALL IT FEMALE INTUITION.
BUT...
I COULD PROBABLY DO IT AS I AM, BUT...
...I WANT TO SPARE MYSELF UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP.
YOU REALLY ARE ALL-KNOWING.
YUP. IN ORDER TO KILL HOKAGE AND UCHIHA.
HOW TO RELEASE THE POWER LIMITERS IMPLANTED IN YOUR BODY...
BOTH BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATIONS ARE NEEDED.
AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CODE WORD IS.
ONLY AMADO CAN LIFT THE LIMITERS.
...AND A VOICE-PRINT COMMAND CODE...
USING IRIS RECOGNITION...
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW?

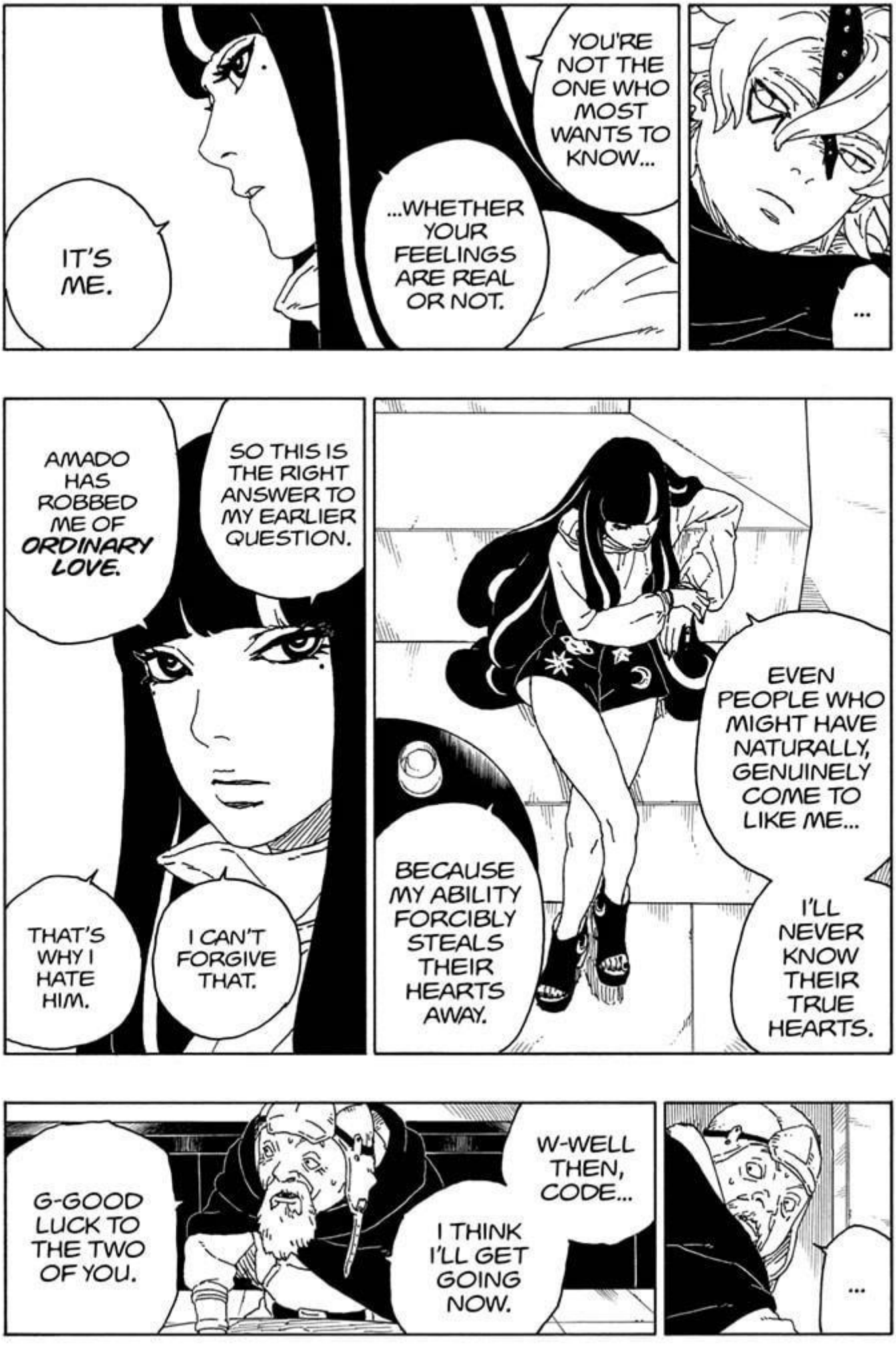

IT'S NOT THAT EASY.
YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO TELL, BUT HE'S REMODELED HIS EYES WITH SCIENTIFIC NINJA TOOLS.
AND YOU KNOW TRANSFORMATION JUTSU CAN'T REPLICATE COMPLEX TECH.
I SEE...
WELL, BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION ISN'T A PROBLEM.
I'LL JUST HAVE SOMEONE PERFORM TRANSFORMATION JUTSU AND TURN INTO HIM.
ULP...
...
...GOUGE OUT HIS EYEBALLS AND TAKE THEM WITH YOU.
SO YOU EITHER NEED AMADO TO COOPERATE OR...
HE'S SMART, AND A DREAMY DANDY.
THIS MUST BE WHY HE HUNKERED DOWN IN A SHINOBI VILLAGE.
BUT I'LL STILL KILL HIM THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.
...
SO CHARGING INTO KONOHA ALONE JUST FOR THIS WOULD BE SHORT-SIGHTED.
AW, SHOOT.
NOT THAT I'M A FOOL LIKE DELTA.

DO YOU KNOW WHY?
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU HATE AMADO?
BECAUSE HE REMOD-ELED YOUR BODY?
...
CODE...
YOU LIKE ME, RIGHT?
BUT THAT'S NOT THE MAIN REASON.
HALF RIGHT.
I GIVE UP.
WHY?
I'M STUMPED.

JUST ANSWER, CODE.
DO YOU...
...LIKE ME?
OH.
NO MORE GUESSING GAMES?
...
...MY FEELINGS FOR YOU RAISE A QUESTION.
THESE EMOTIONS OF MINE, WHICH SEEM SO AUTHENTICALLY REAL...
ARE THEY PHONY, MANUFACTURED BY YOUR ABILITY?
YES, I LIKE YOU, EIDA.
I'VE BEEN CRAZY ABOUT YOU SINCE EARLIER.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME...
WHAT TRIFLING THINGS YOU WORRY ABOUT.
DOES IT REALLY MATTER?
...

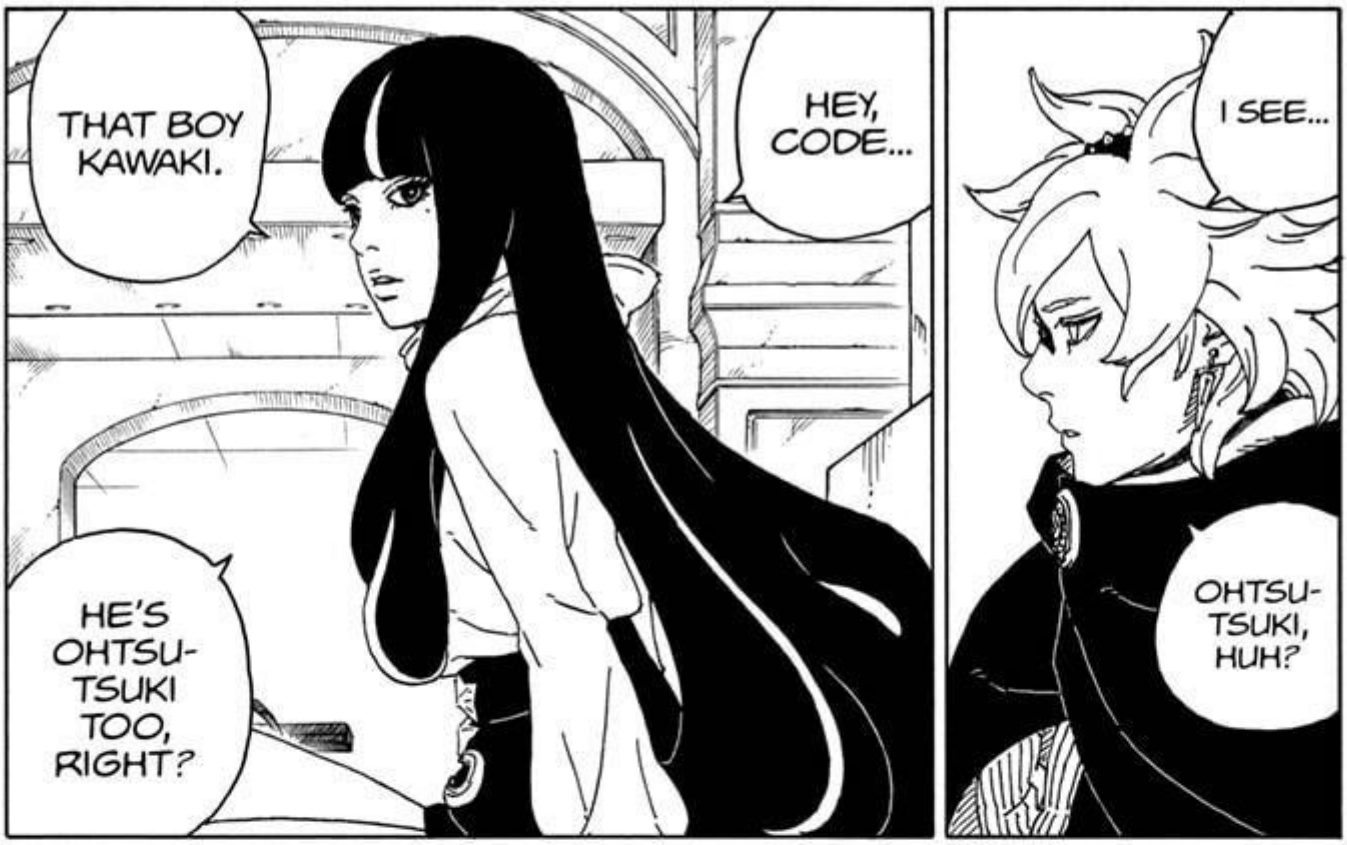
YOU KNOW NOTHING, CODE.
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE USELESS.
I JUST WANT TO KNOW YOUR ABILITIES.
DON'T MISUNDER-STAND...
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT MYSELF.
SINCE WE'LL BE TEAMING UP.

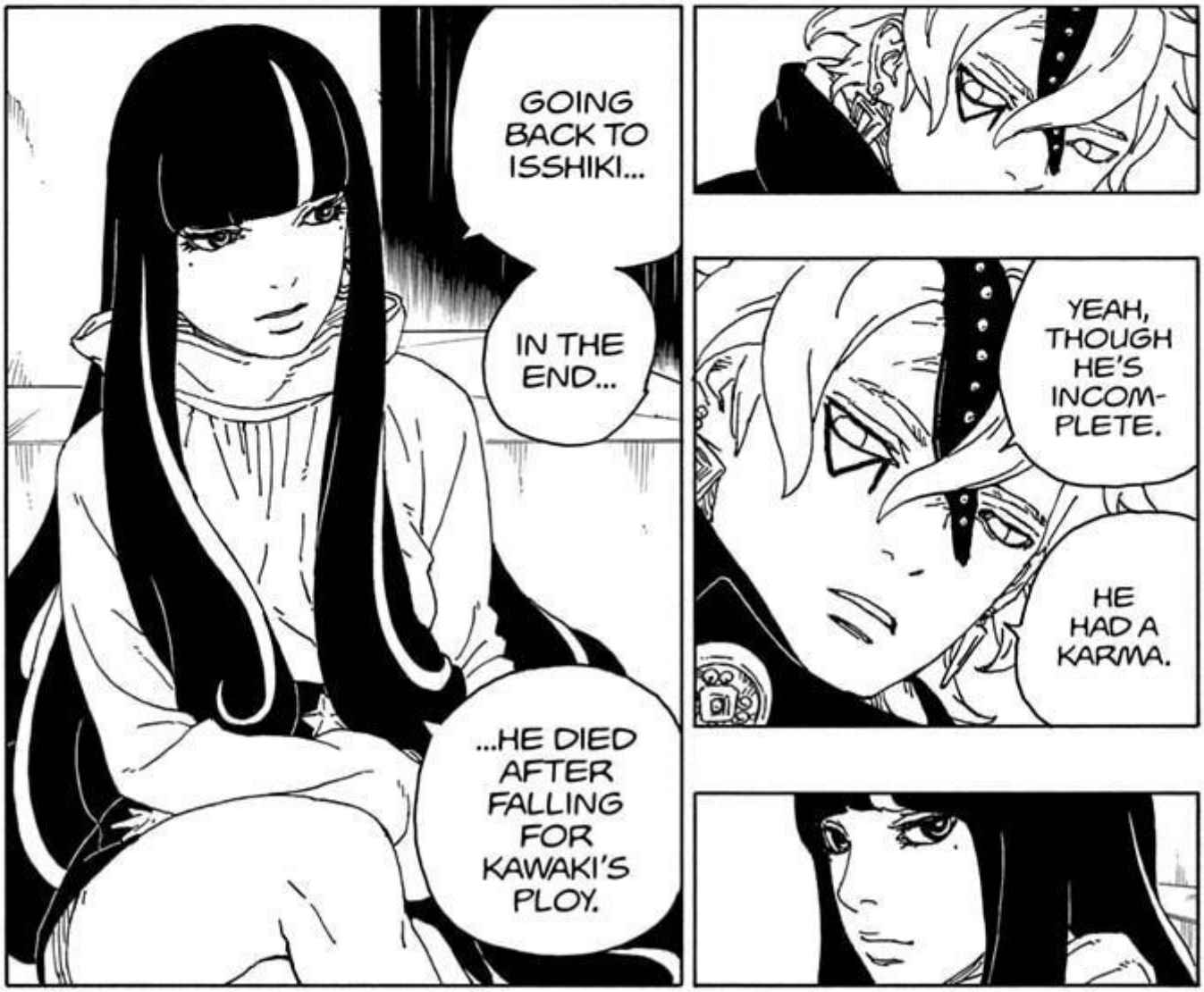

NOW DO YOU GET IT?
HOW ABSOLUTELY BORING AND TEDIOUS IT IS?
IT'S NOT LIMITED TO YOU.
EVERYONE BECOMES CAPTIVATED BY ME.
BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.
NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE.

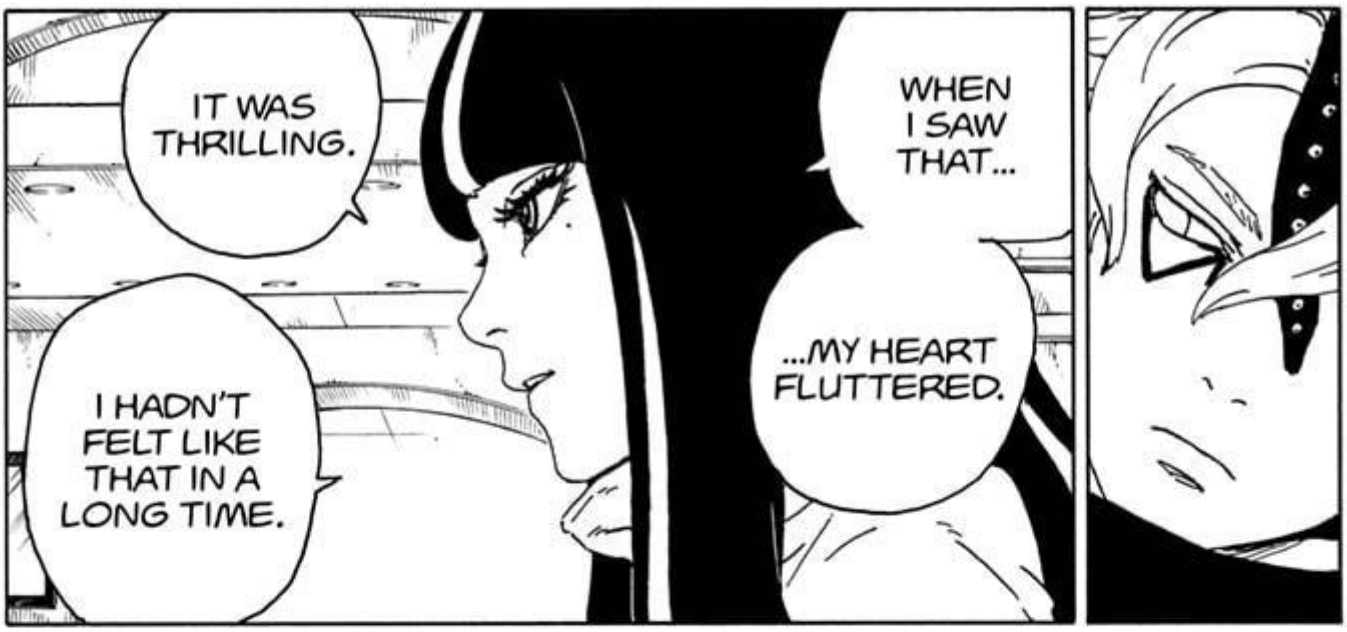

YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO MOST WANTS TO KNOW...
...WHETHER YOUR FEELINGS ARE REAL OR NOT.
IT'S ME.
...
SO THIS IS THE RIGHT ANSWER TO MY EARLIER QUESTION.
AMADO HAS ROBBED ME OF ORDINARY LOVE.
I CAN'T FORGIVE THAT.
THAT'S WHY I HATE HIM.
EVEN PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE NATURALLY, GENUINELY COME TO LIKE ME...
I'LL NEVER KNOW THEIR TRUE HEARTS.
BECAUSE MY ABILITY FORCIBLY STEALS THEIR HEARTS AWAY.
W-WELL THEN, CODE...
I THINK I'LL GET GOING NOW.
G-GOOD LUCK TO THE TWO OF YOU.
...

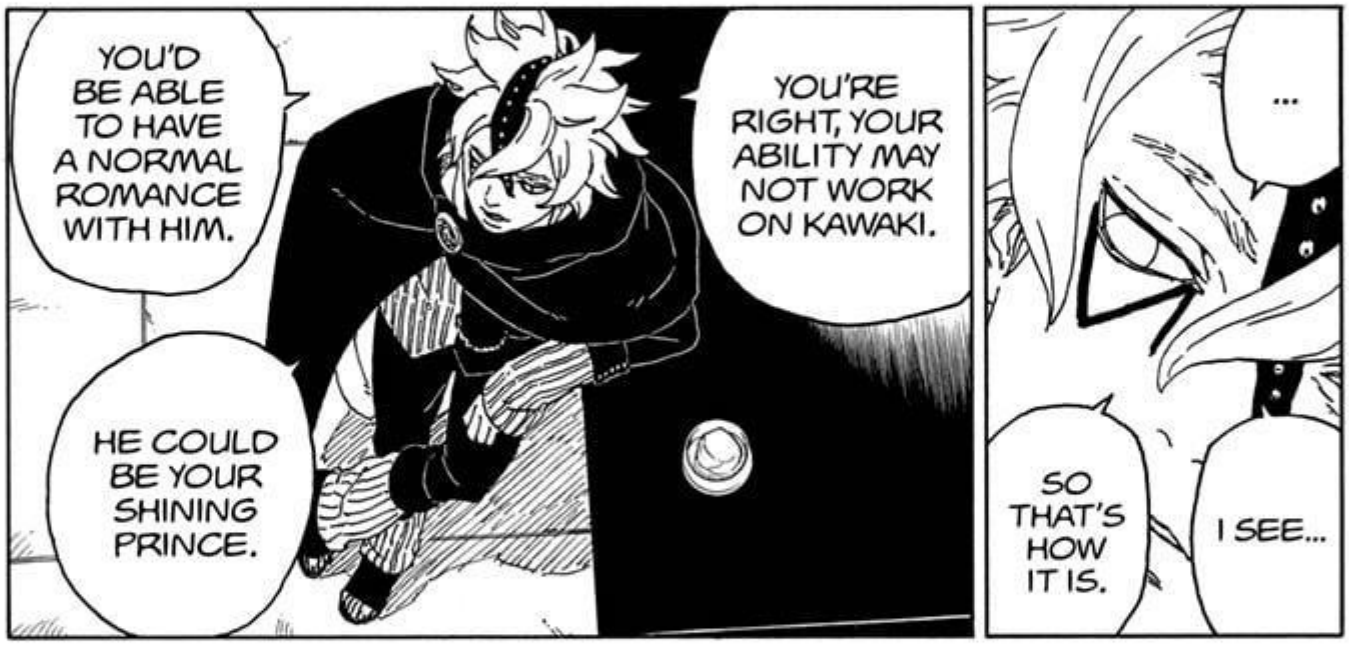
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE CAPTIVATED BY EIDA.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, BUG?
EH!!
FP
AND HE'S A CHICKEN... I THINK HE'S SCARED.
BUG IS SHY, SO...
...HE DOESN'T SHOW IT EXTERNALLY.
IT'S ENDEARING.
I-I'M THE SAME AS YOU!
IT JUST HAPPENED A LOT LONGER AGO!
UNH!
THAT'S RIGHT.
OF MY ABILITY, THAT IS.
THOUGH HE WAS ALSO RATHER AFRAID, JUST LIKE BUG...
...DISOBEYED JIGEN'S ORDER AND DIDN'T DISPOSE OF YOU.
...THE REASON WHY BORO...
HE WAS YOUR CAPTIVE TOO.
I SEE...
I THINK I FINALLY UNDERSTAND...

SO HOW WAS HE ABLE TO ORDER YOUR DISPOSAL?
THEN IT SHOULD'VE BEEN THE SAME WITH JIGEN.
!
HOLD ON...
I COULDN'T STEAL HIS HEART.
JIGEN'S AN EX-CEPTION.
...IS OHTSU-TSUKI.
THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF HEARTS MY ABILITY CAN'T STEAL.
ONE IS BLOOD RELATIVES.
AND THE OTHER...
WHAT?


THAT BOY KAWAKI.
HEY, CODE...
HE'S OHTSU-TSUKI TOO, RIGHT?
I SEE...
OHTSU-TSUKI, HUH?

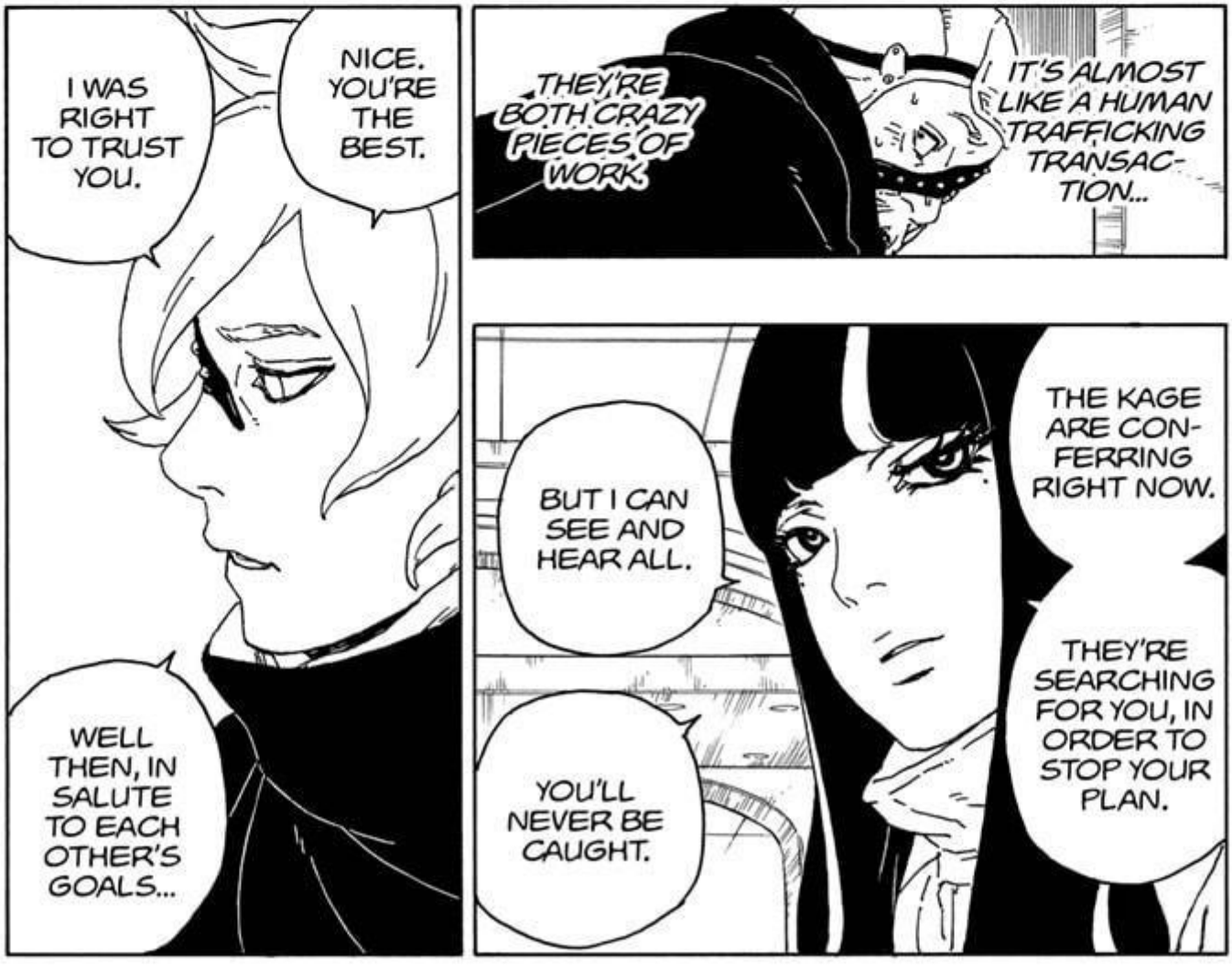

GOING BACK TO ISSHIKI...
IN THE END...
...HE DIED AFTER FALLING FOR KAWAKI'S PLOY.
YEAH, THOUGH HE'S INCOM-PLETE.
HE HAD A KARMA.


IT WAS THRILLING.
I HADN'T FELT LIKE THAT IN A LONG TIME.
WHEN I SAW THAT...
...MY HEART FLUTTERED.


YOU'D BE ABLE TO HAVE A NORMAL ROMANCE WITH HIM.
HE COULD BE YOUR SHINING PRINCE.
YOU'RE RIGHT, YOUR ABILITY MAY NOT WORK ON KAWAKI.
...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.
I SEE...

SO HE'S PLENTY ELIGIBLE TO BE YOUR PRINCE TOO.
HE'S ALSO UNDERGOING KARMIC OHTSUTSUKI-FICATION.
IN WHICH CASE, THE SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR UZUMAKI BORUTO.
EXACTLY.
YOU'RE STARTING TO GET IT, CODE.

NO WORRIES.
DESPITE APPEARANCES, I'M MONOGAMOUS.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR OBJECTIVES?
DON'T YOU NEED TEN TAILS FODDER TO CULTIVATE THE DIVINE TREE?
BORUTO, RIGHT...
HE'S CUTE AND DREAMY TOO, BUT...
YOU'LL BE DOWN ONE PRECIOUS PRINCE.
ARE YOU SURE?
...


I WAS RIGHT TO TRUST YOU.
NICE. YOU'RE THE BEST.
WELL THEN, IN SALUTE TO EACH OTHER'S GOALS...
THEY'RE BOTH CRAZY PIECES OF WORK.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE A HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRANSACTION...
BUT I CAN SEE AND HEAR ALL.
YOU'LL NEVER BE CAUGHT.
THE KAGE ARE CONFERRING RIGHT NOW.
THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR YOU, IN ORDER TO STOP YOUR PLAN.

ONCE AGAIN, NICE TO MEET YOU, EIDA.
...SHALL WE HAVE A TOAST?

LIKEWISE, CODE.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.

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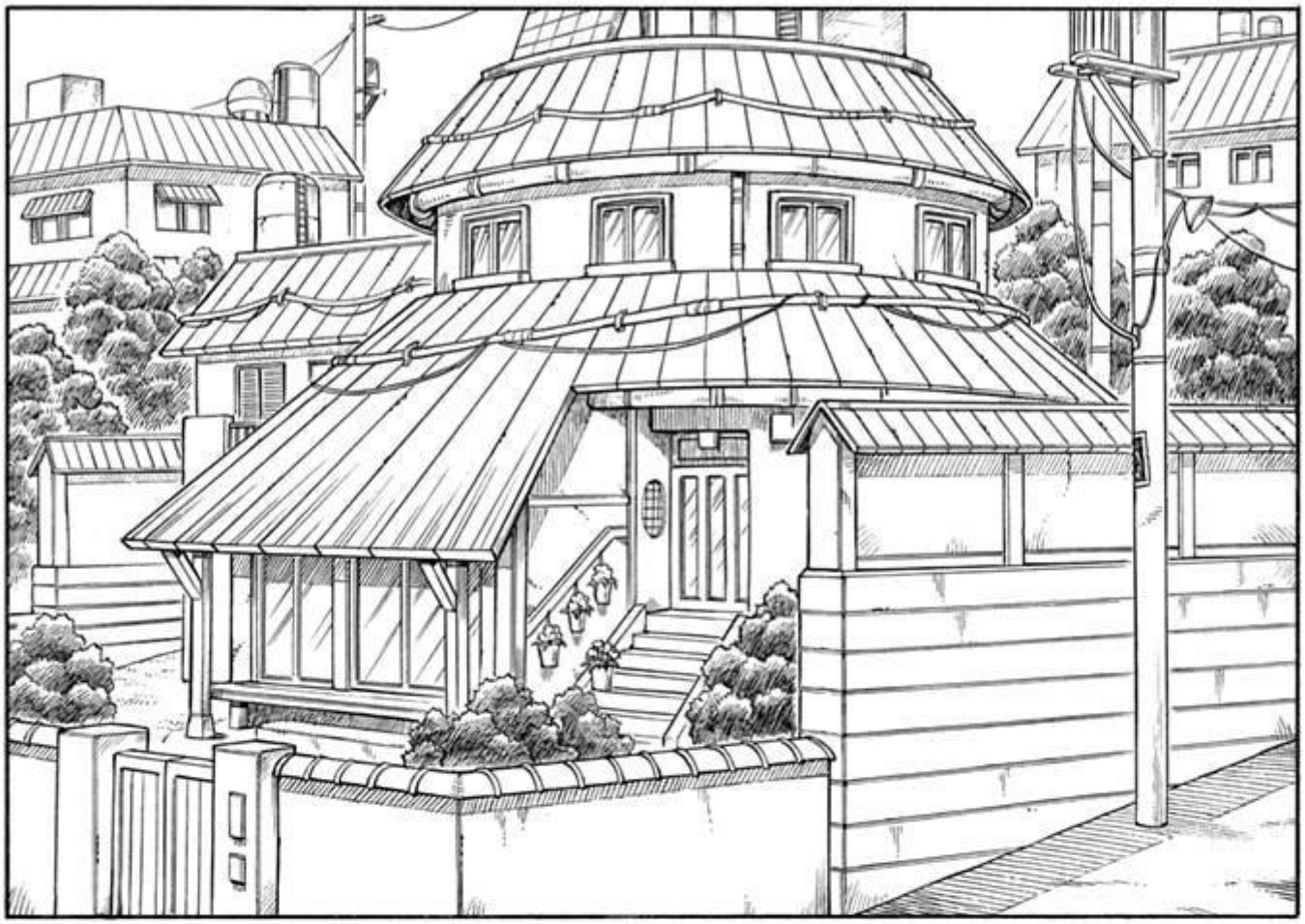
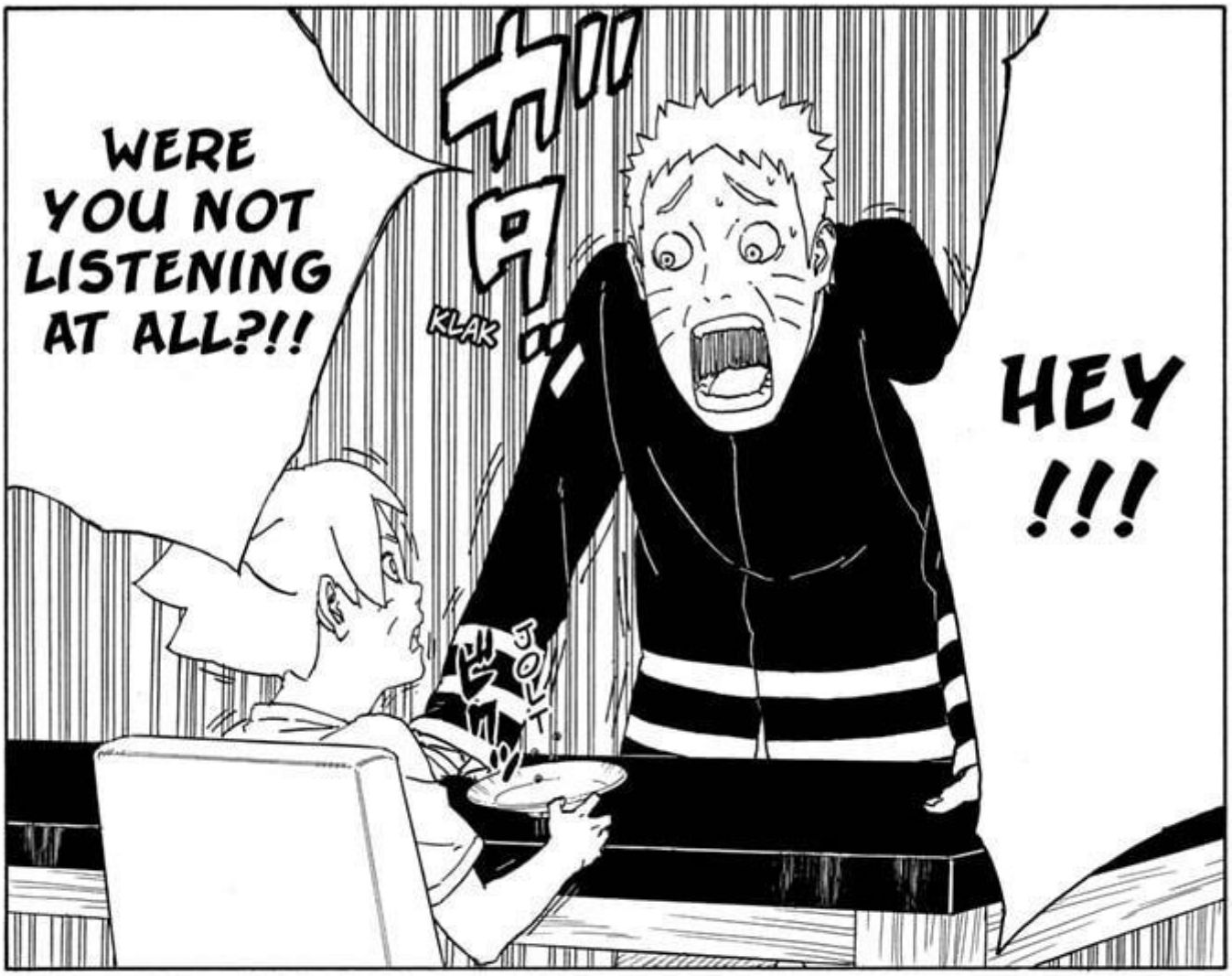


THEY WERE SUPPOSEDLY DEVELOPED FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE ORIGINALLY, BUT...
YEAH.
...IF ALL GOES WELL, WE *MIGHT* BE ABLE TO EXPECT SUCH AN EFFECT.
MEDS...
...THAT SUPPRESS OHTSU-TSUKI-FICATION?!

THEY WON'T GET RID OF KARMA...
...NOR WILL THEY REVERSE WHAT OHTSUTSUKI-FICATION HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE.
THEY'LL ONLY SUPPRESS ITS ADVANCE.
FOR REAL?!
I WON'T BECOME MOMOSHIKI IF I TAKE THESE?!
...
SNIFF SNIFF
NO PARTICULAR SMELL TO 'EM...
PLP PLP PLP
TUP
...IS THAT WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF SIDE EFFECTS THEY MAY CAUSE.
WORST-CASE SCENARIO, THERE'S A CHANCE YOU COULD EVEN DIE.
PLUS THERE'S THIS.
THE MOST PROB-LEMATIC THING ABOUT THEM...

...
THEY'LL JUST BE ONE OF YOUR OPTIONS.
YOU GET TO DECIDE FOR YOURSELF, SO THINK IT OVER CAREFULLY.
SO I'M NOT...
...GONNA FORCE YOU TO TAKE THEM.
POP
HOW MANY A DAY?
CAN TAKE 'EM DRY.
NO REAL TASTE EITHER.
SMK
SMK
SMK
HMM...


WERE YOU NOT LISTENING AT ALL?!!
KLAK
HEY !!!
JOLT

I ALSO SAID TO THINK IT OVER CAREFULLY! WHAT'S WITH THE FLASH DECISION?

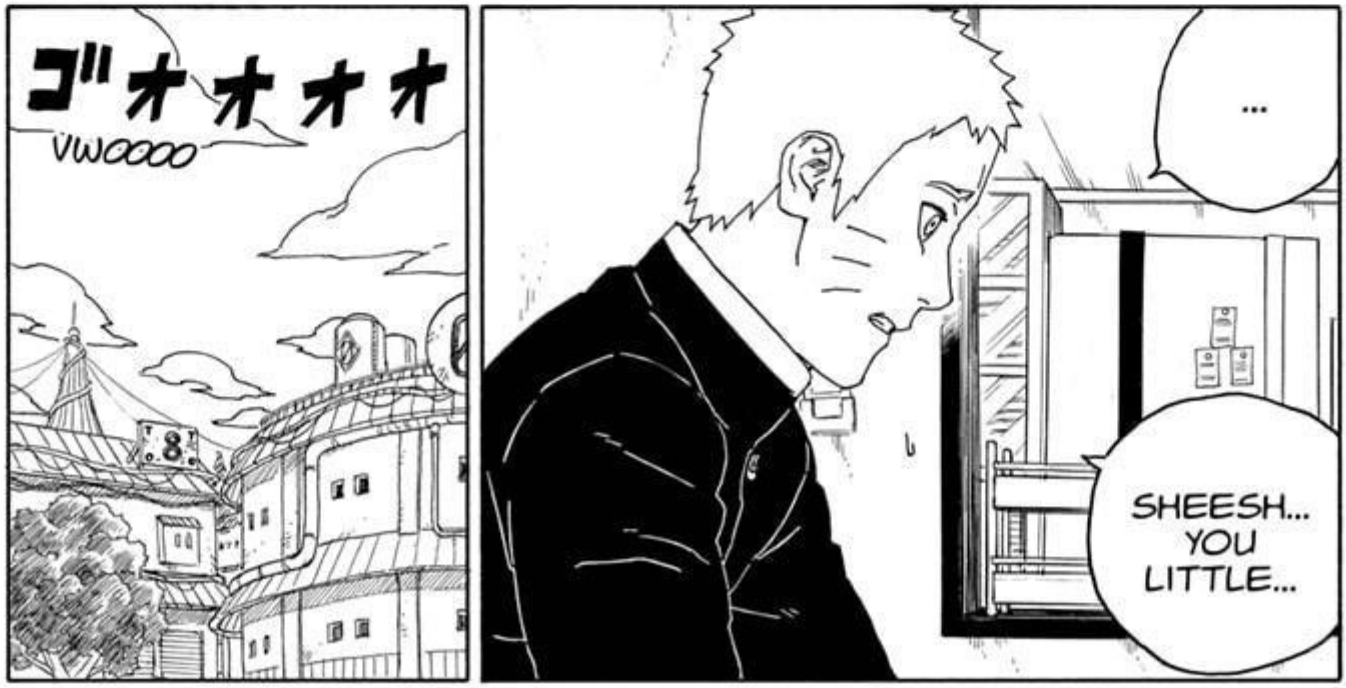
DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY THAT I GET TO DECIDE?!
I WAS!!
DON'T SUDDENLY YELL LIKE THAT, DAD!

I MEAN, WE WON'T KNOW THEIR EFFECT...
IT JUST HAPPENED TO BE QUICK!!
...OR IF THEY EVEN HAVE ANY, UNLESS I TRY THEM OUT, RIGHT?!

...IN MY CASE, I'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR THE WORST FOR A WHILE NOW.
IN TERMS OF KARMA.
SO I'M ALREADY THERE.
UGH, NEVER MIND... WELL?
YOU...!!
YOU DON'T FEEL SICK OR WEIRD AT ALL?
BESIDES, DAD, I REALIZE...
...IT MIGHT TAKE SOMEONE TIME TO FIND THEIR RESOLVE, BUT...
SO FAR, NO...
THAT'S ALL.
I'M SORRY IT FREAKED YOU OUT.
THAT'S WHY I WAS ABLE...
...TO DECIDE REALLY FAST.

BORUTO...
...

I'M GRATEFUL FOR THESE!
BUT THANKS, DAD!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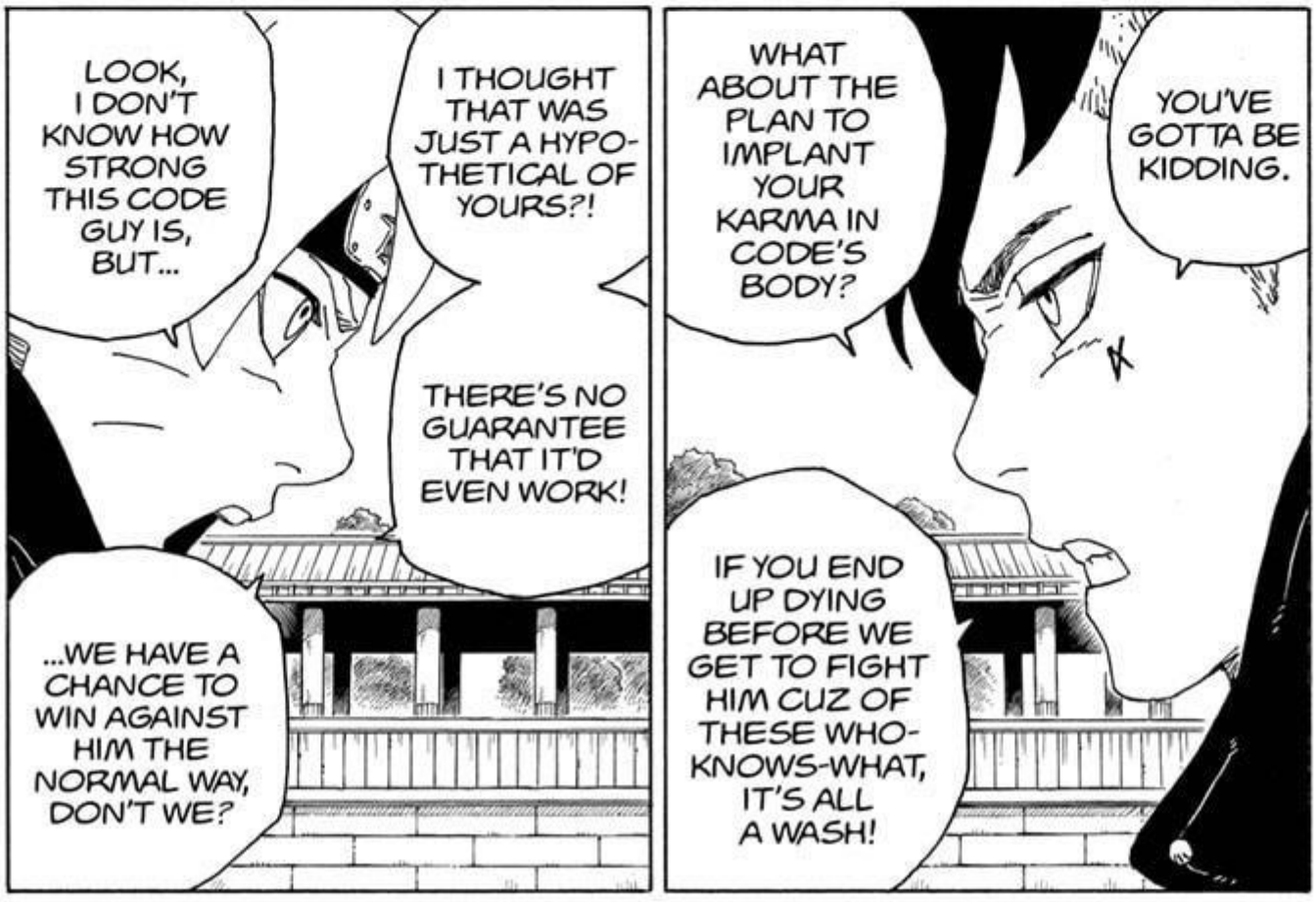
...
SHEESH... YOU LITTLE...

YUP.
I WEIGHED IT AND DECIDED FOR MYSELF.
THERE'S RISK FOR SURE, BUT...
...
MEDS?
YOU'RE TAKING MEDS NOW?!


LOOK, I DON'T KNOW HOW STRONG THIS CODE GUY IS, BUT...
I THOUGHT THAT WAS JUST A HYPOTHETICAL OF YOURS?!
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT IT'D EVEN WORK!
...WE HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN AGAINST HIM THE NORMAL WAY, DON'T WE?
WHAT ABOUT THE PLAN TO IMPLANT YOUR KARMA IN CODE'S BODY?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING.
IF YOU END UP DYING BEFORE WE GET TO FIGHT HIM CUZ OF THESE WHO-KNOWS-WHAT, IT'S ALL A WASH!

QUIT YAPPING ALREADY!!
BOTH OF YOU!

WE'RE HERE TO TRAIN!
SO SHUT UP AND FOCUS!!

SHEESH! KAWAKI...
...PRETTY MUCH HAS NO TEAM SPIRIT.

...

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AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE TRAINING!
SO THAT WE CAN GET EVEN A LITTLE BETTER!
I THOUGHT I WAS CLEAR.
WE'RE NO MATCH FOR CODE.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF SITTING IN PLACE QUIETLY ANYWAY?
WHY DON'T YOU SHUT IT, SARADA.
ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO, THAT'S ENOUGH!!
YOU'RE BOTH DISRUPTING THE TRAINING!!
YEESH!
ACTING ALL BOSSY DESPITE BEING A NEWBIE...
IT'S AN IMPORTANT CHAKRA CONTROL DRILL! A REAL BASIC ONE!!
LOOK, BASICS ARE GOOD, BUT...
HOW MANY YEARS ARE YOU PLANNING TO DRILL TO TAKE CODE DOWN?
FIVE? OR MAYBE TEN?
WHAT A JOKE.

LET ME REMIND YOU THAT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ASKED TO LEARN NINJUTSU IN THE FIRST PLACE!
HEY! ARE YOU PUTTING DOWN SHINOBI TRAINING?!

SO KAWAKI...

I'M JUST SAYING THAT IT'S INEF-FICIENT.
IT MIGHT BE TRADITION OR SOME-THING, BUT...
...YOU'D NEED ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD.

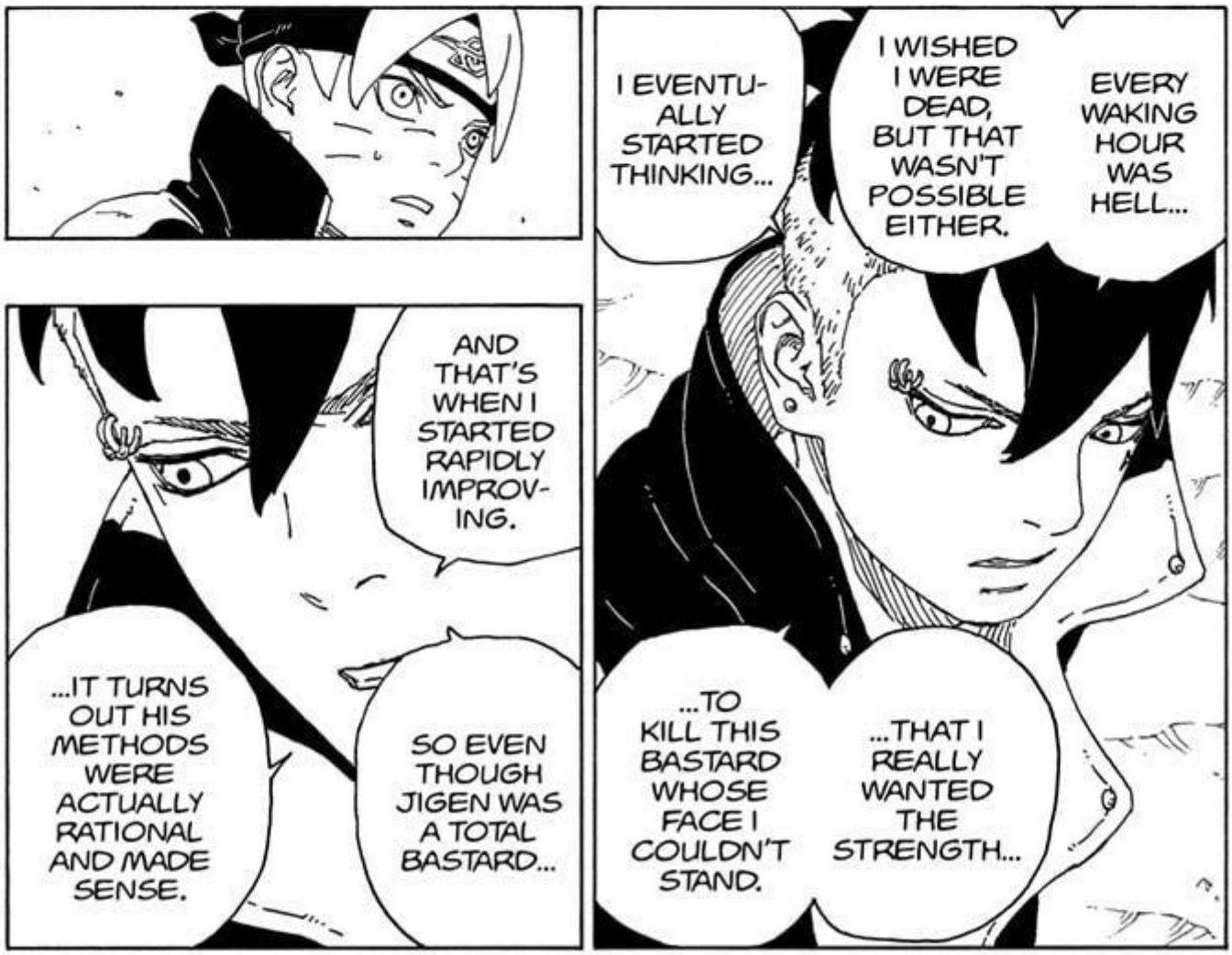
WHAT DO *YOU* SUGGEST?

FSH
SOME-THING MUCH SIMPLER THAT...
...I THINK YOU'D ALL LIKE TOO.

SSSH
ZWOO
GRP
WHOA!

YOU'VE GOT PROMISE, JUST AS I THOUGHT.
NICE BLOCK, MITSUKI.
HEY!
WHAT THE HECK?!
PERSONALLY, I COULD GO EITHER WAY.
I SEE. TRAIN THROUGH ACTUAL COMBAT.
...
LORD SEVENTH!
WSH
WHP
HOW DARE HE...!
JUST KEEP WATCHING, KONOHA-MARU.

MOST OF HIS LESSONS...
...WERE GRUELING, COMBAT DRILLS.
I WAS HONED BY JIGEN...
...EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE BRAT...
STOP MAKING DECISIONS ON YOUR OWN!
HAVE YOU ALL FORGOTTEN THAT I'M THE CAPTAIN OF THIS TEAM?


AND THAT'S WHEN I STARTED RAPIDLY IMPROV-ING.
...IT TURNS OUT HIS METHODS WERE ACTUALLY RATIONAL AND MADE SENSE.
SO EVEN THOUGH JIGEN WAS A TOTAL BASTARD...
I EVENTU-ALLY STARTED THINKING...
I WISHED I WERE DEAD, BUT THAT WASN'T POSSIBLE EITHER.
EVERY WAKING HOUR WAS HELL...
...TO KILL THIS BASTARD WHOSE FACE I COULDN'T STAND.
...THAT I REALLY WANTED THE STRENGTH...

!
ZWG
ZWISH
ZWOOO
TAK
ARE YOU REALLY THAT DUMB?!
THAT'S PRETTY EXTREME LOGIC!

ENEMIES DON'T JUST WAIT AROUND, Y'KNOW.
STOP WHINING AND COME AT ME!
ALL RIGHT, I'M PISSED!!
YOU'RE GONNA ...
TAK
ZWISH

... REGRET THIS!!
GWOP
HEY, SARADA !!
FWP
KAVOOSH

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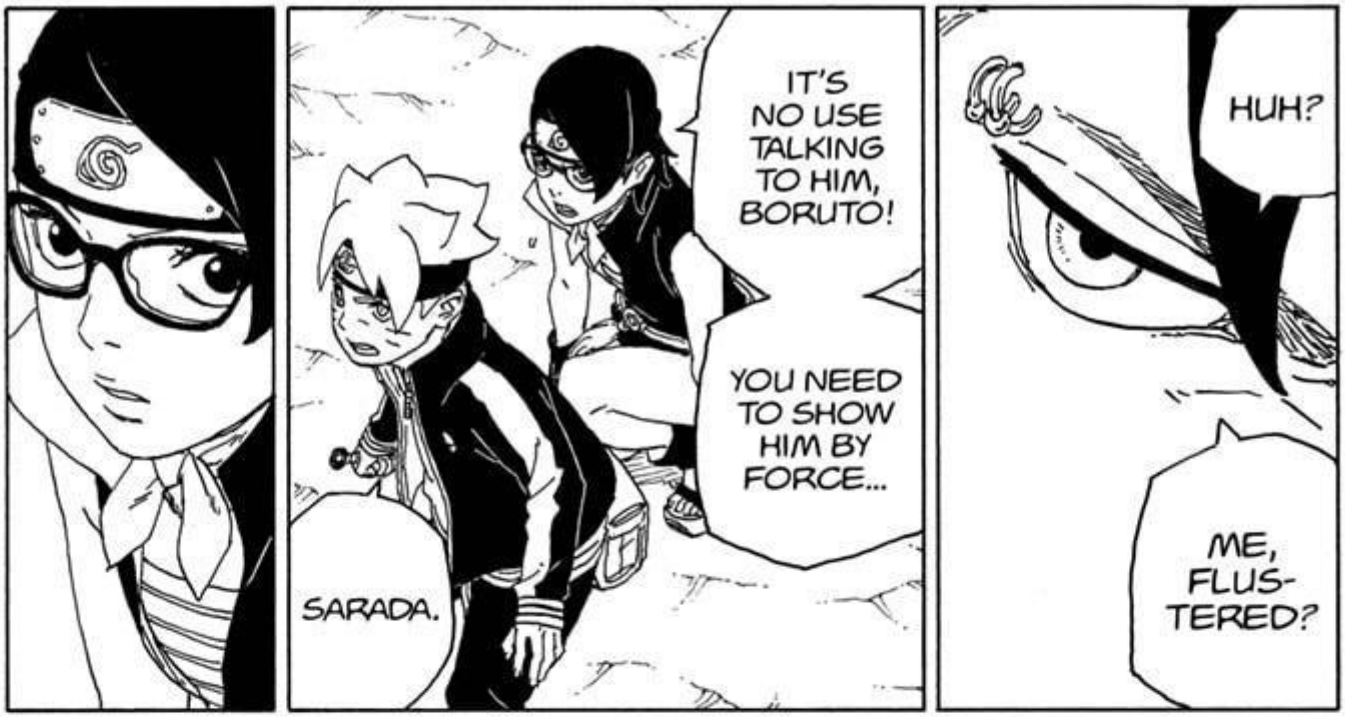
WSH
WHP WHP
TMP

THK-THK
ドカッ
WHA?!
HEY, HEY...
THAT WAS EASILY BLOCK-ABLE!
ゴロゴロッ
ROLL
ROLL
THD

BOOF
HUH ?!

A SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGER!
WHD

THAT'S ENOUGH!
WHAT'RE YOU THINK-ING?!
CHILL OUT.
IT'S JUST SPARRING.
NO ONE'S GONNA DIE.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S TOO SERIOUS!
WHY'RE YOU SO FLUS-TERED?!


SARADA.
IT'S NO USE TALKING TO HIM, BORUTO!
YOU NEED TO SHOW HIM BY FORCE...
HUH?
ME, FLUS-TERED?

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OKAY, BUT DON'T BUTT IN, ALL RIGHT?
HE'S MINE.

YUP!
IF I LOSE, WE'LL KEEP TRAINING THROUGH ACTUAL COMBAT.
THAT COOL WITH YOU, KAWAKI?
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
HOLD IT, YOU TOO NOW?
BORUTO ?
IN SHORT ...
WHOEVER LOSES HAS TO STICK TO THE WINNER'S WAY, ISN'T THAT IT?
WHAT THE HECK...
...DO THEY THINK THEY'RE DOING?!
...
HMPH.
...
SOUNDS INTEREST-ING. I'M IN.

THAT'S MY LINE.
YOU BETTER NOT FORGET YOUR OWN WORDS.
SHUP
SHUP
LISTEN, A PROMISE IS A PROMISE!
NO ARGUING IF YOU LOSE, GOT THAT?
SHUP
I'M SURROUNDED BY IDIOTS!
YEESH!
...

I RECALL...
...THAT YOU GENERALLY WERE THE CAUSE.
SHUP
...BACK WHEN WE FIRST MET, REMEMBER?!
WE USED TO FIGHT LIKE THIS EVERY TIME WE SAW EACH OTHER...
SHUP
BRING IT.
HERE I COME.

BAM

WHAM
ZWOO

BOOF
SHADOW DOPPELGANGER JUTSU!!
FWP

WHP
TAK
TAK

JBB

RA-
SEN-
GAN!!

BOOF

WHP

BOOF
THK
THK
DAMMIT
!
ZGOP
ZSSH

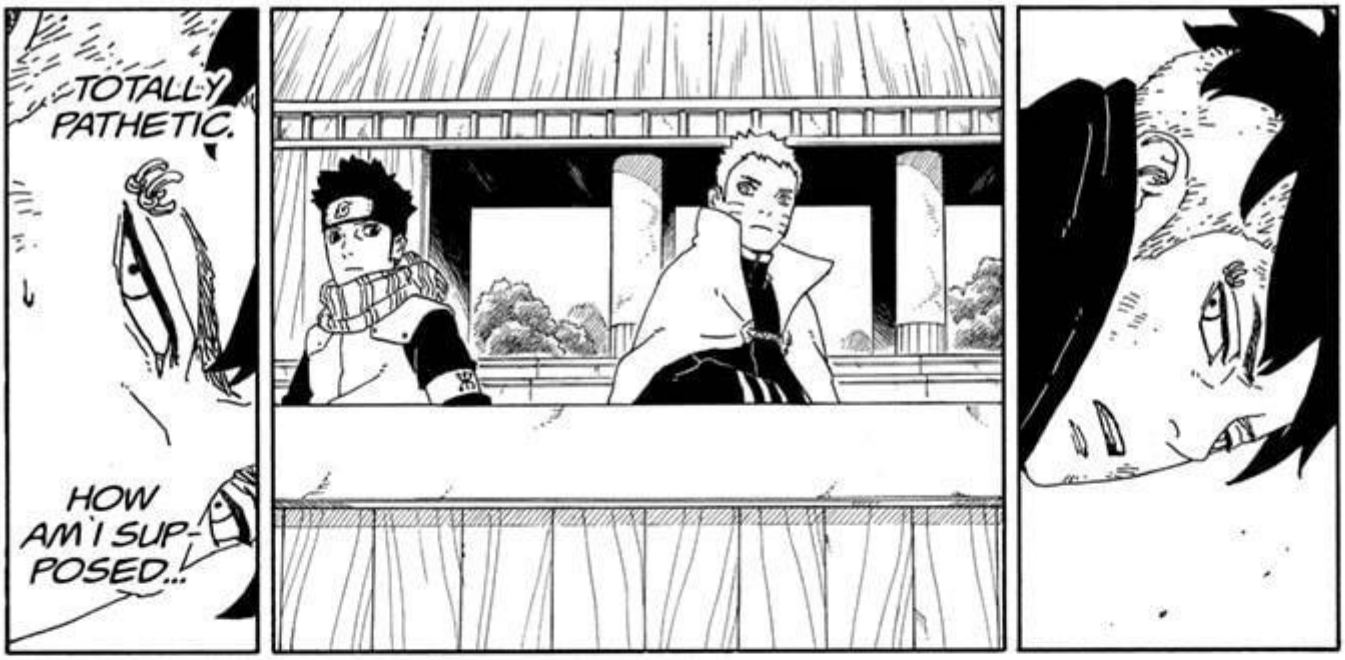
VWEEEN
BLAM

SHKEEN
WHAP
DWOOOO
DAMN KARMA!!
GAH!

KRAKUE
THUNDERCLAP ARROW!!!
FWP-FWP
LIGHTNING STYLE!
BZAPP
WHAP

THD
THD
THD
ARGH
!!
NGH
...
TMP
...
SHUP
!!...

DOES THAT MEAN I'M MORE DEPENDENT...
I UNCONSCIOUSLY TRIED TO ABSORB IT...
...ON HAVING KARMA THAN I THOUGHT?
...
SHUP
THIS TIME, AT LEAST.
I WIN.
ANY COMPLAINTS?
I HOPE THEY'LL STOP BEING SO RASH NOW.
GAME OVER.
GAH...
...LET MYSELF EAT DIRT HERE...
I CAN'T...
DAMMIT!


TOTALLY PATHETIC.
HOW AM I SUP-POSED..!

...IF I'M IN SUCH A SORRY STATE?!
...TO PROTECT LORD SEVENTH...

...
SHUP

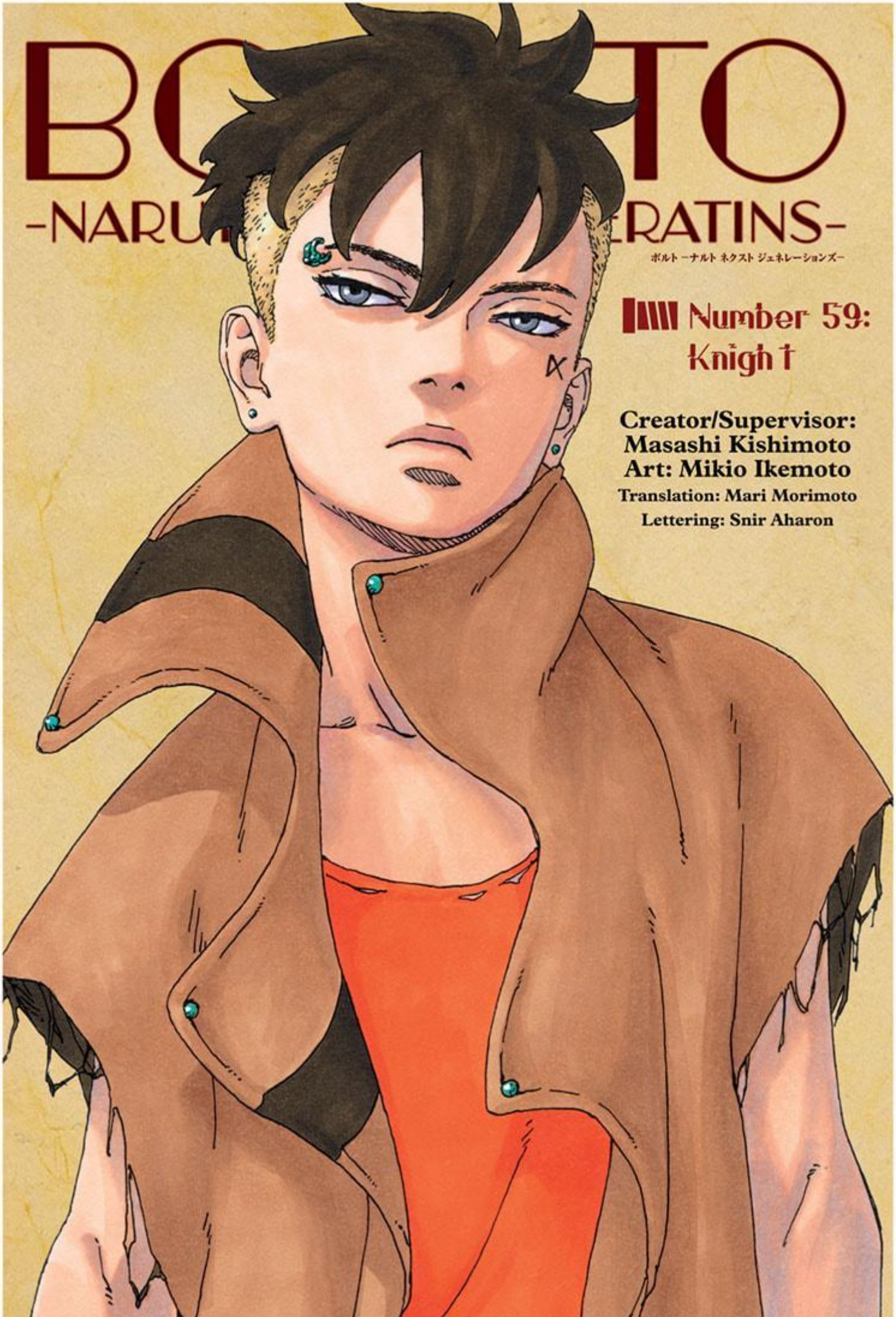
I CAN TELL WHAT YOU'RE THINKING NOW...
...MORE OR LESS...
THERE'S ONE THING THAT'S...
... DEFINITELY CHANGED SINCE WE FIRST MET.
DON'T CARRY IT ALL ON YOURSELF, ALONE.
LEAN ON US MORE.
WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS.

...RIGHT?
EITHER WAY, WE CAN'T LEAVE BAD GUYS FREE TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT...
...THAT ISN'T REALLY YOUR FAULT.
YOU MIGHT BE FEELING RESPONSIBLE FOR...
...KARA TARGETING KONOHA AND DAD, BUT...
YOU'RE LIKE THAT TOO, AREN'T YOU?
THAT'S WHAT SHINOBI DO.

HE'S SOUNDING A LOT LIKE YOU USED TO.
LORD SEVENTH.
WELL, LOOKS WHO'S SOUND-ING ALL GROWN-UP.
WHAT-EVER.
FLOP
ゴロ…
SIGH...
...A BIT MORE RELIABLE.
BIG LINES LIKE THAT WOULD SOUND BETTER COM-ING FROM SOMEONE...
YOU KNOW...

WELL.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
...
WHAT A BAD ATTITUDE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE JUST SAID THAT. HE LOST.
FOOL.
WE'RE THE ONES PUTTING UP WITH YOU!
I'LL STICK WITH YOU A LITTLE LONGER.
AND WITH YOUR WAY OF DOING THINGS.
...

GO FOR IT, ALL OF YOU...
...AND MAY YOU GET A LOT, LOT STRONGER!
...
GRP
ALL RIGHT!!
LET'S RESUME TRAINING !!
STARTING NOW!!
I SWEAR I'LL GET A LOT STRONGER...
...NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!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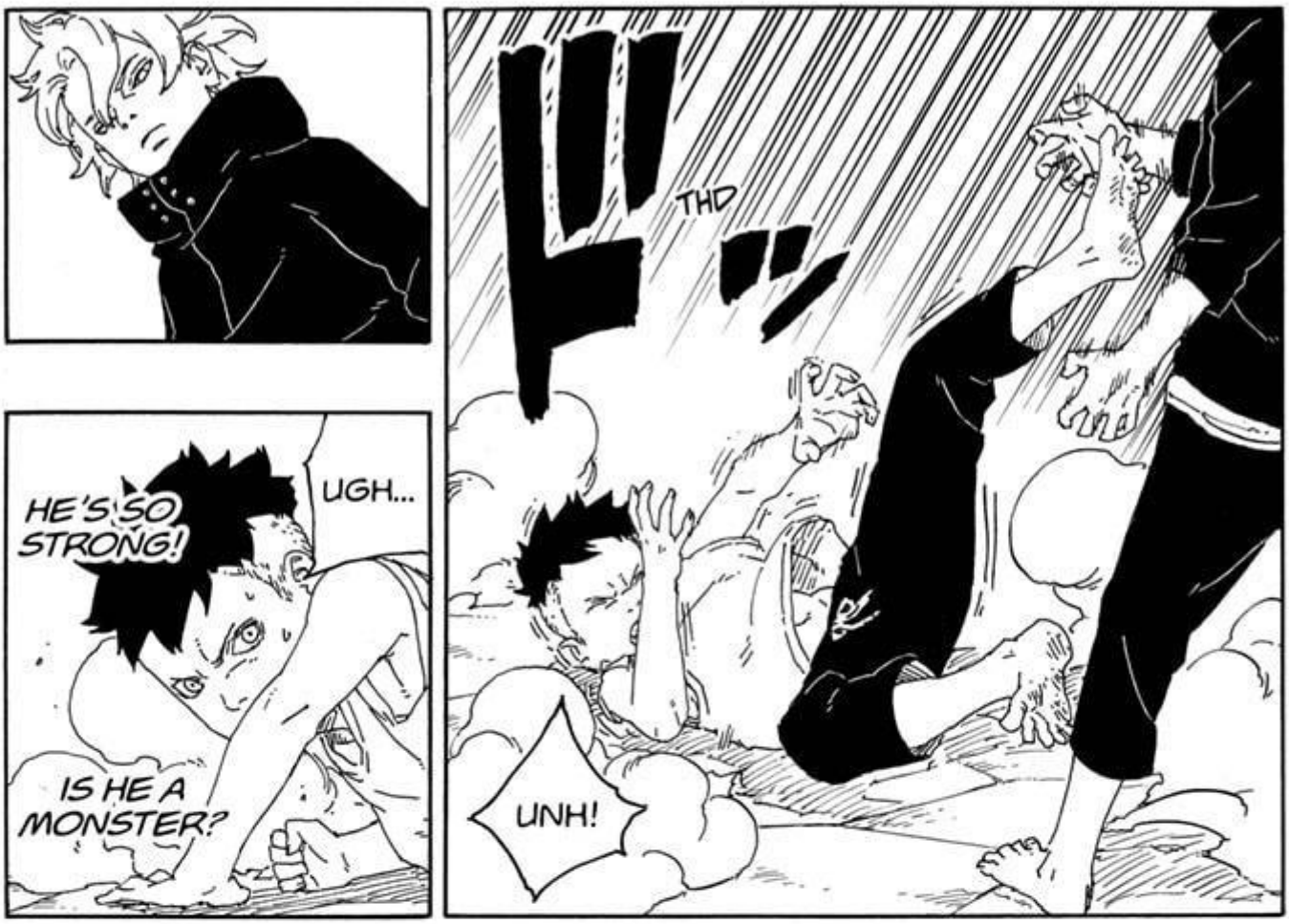
WHY YOU?!
WHY...

GWWW
WHY ISN'T IT ME?!!

THE HECK...
...ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SPECIAL?
I CAN'T SEE YOU FITTING THE CRITERIA...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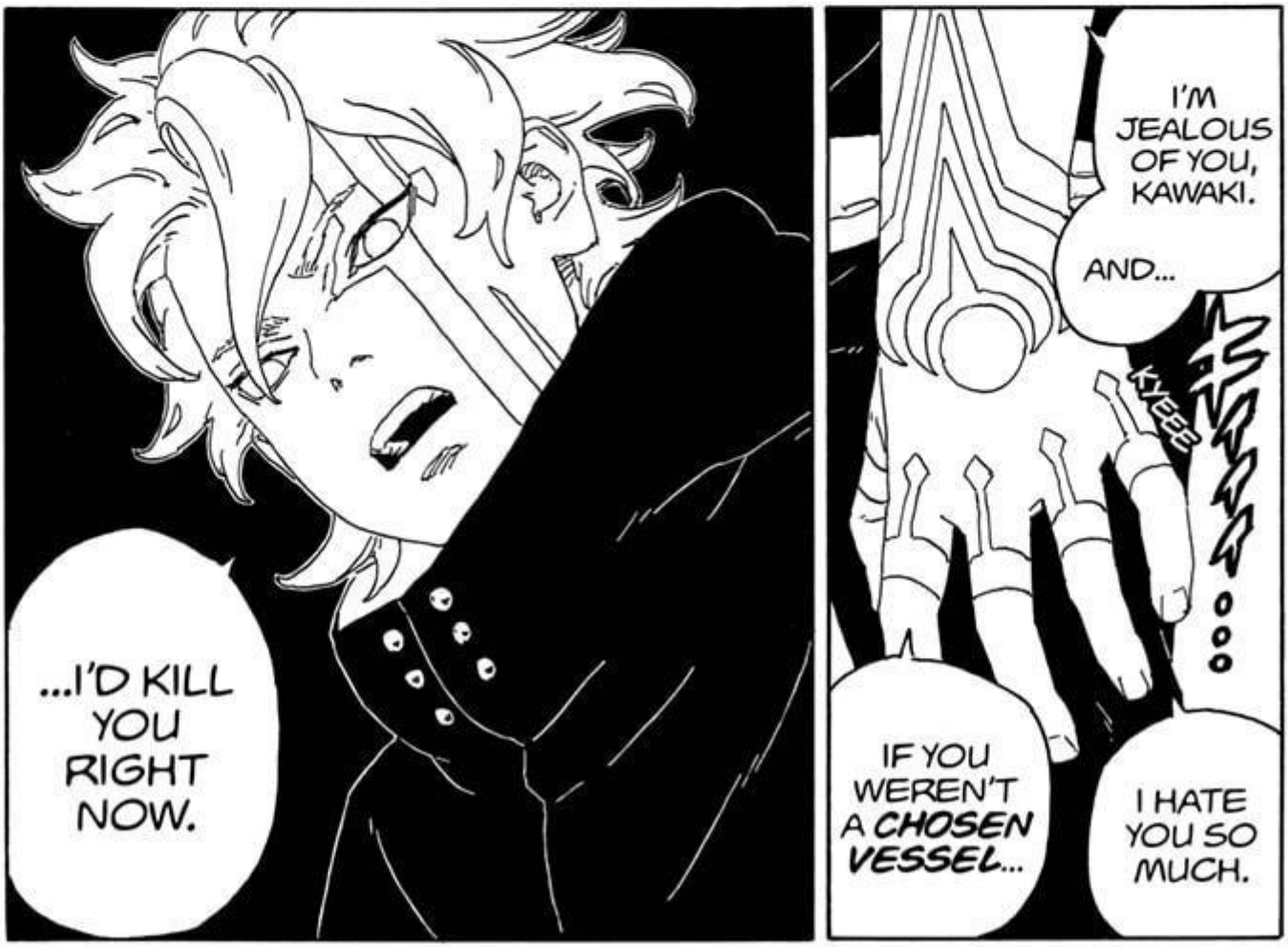
UNH!
UGH...
HE'S SO STRONG!
IS HE A MONSTER?


I'M JEALOUS OF YOU, KAWAKI.
AND...
KYEEE
IF YOU WEREN'T A CHOSEN VESSEL...
I HATE YOU SO MUCH.
...I'D KILL YOU RIGHT NOW.

AH!

ARE YOU OKAY, KAWAKI?
YOU WERE TOSSING AND TURNING.

HUFF!
IT'S NOTH-ING.
JUST A DREAM.

HUFF
HUFF

...
BUT THIS ONE INVOLVED CODE.
SOME-TIMES.

YOU'RE STILL HAVING...
...NIGHT-MARES OF JIGEN DISCIPLIN-ING YOU?

...
EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT A VESSEL ANYMORE.
HE WAS WHINY AND RESENTFUL, AS USUAL.
YOU'RE STILL OHTSUTSUKI ISSHIKI'S VESSEL, KAWAKI.
AND THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE.
YOUR ASSESS-MENT THERE IS WRONG.
YOU MISUNDER-STAND.

HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
...
ISSHIKI'S SOUL MAY HAVE BEEN EXTINGUISHED...
...ELIMINATING ANY CHANCE OF HIM POSSESSING YOU.
BUT...
...IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU ARE HIS VESSEL.
YOU BASTARD!
SHUT UP RIGHT NOW.
I DON'T WANNA HEAR IT!

YOUR BODY REMAINING OHTSUTSUKI-FIED IS PROOF OF THAT.
THAT'S YOUR REALITY.
YOU NEED TO ACCEPT IT.
BAM
!
GTNK
ARE YOU DEAF, YOU GEEZER?!
I TOLD YOU TO STUFF IT!
I'M FED UP WITH YOU!
KAWAKI !!!

IF IT WORKS, BORUTO CAN RESURRECT AND BE SAVED...
...AND YOU'LL GET RID OF CODE. TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.
AND THE PLAN TO IMPLANT BORUTO'S KARMA INTO CODE...
IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA IN THEORY...
...WITH ANOTHER KARMA.
PLUS...
SO IT'S HIGHLY QUESTION-ABLE WHETHER YOU'D EVEN BE ABLE TO IMPLANT HIS BODY...
THOUGH IMPERFECT, CODE ALREADY HAS A KARMA.
...
HOW-EVER...
...FOR THAT TO HAPPEN, OF COURSE. HE'LL STRIKE FIRST.
...START-ING WITH LORD HOKAGE, TO AVENGE ISSHIKI'S DEATH.
AND TRY TO KILL ALL OF YOU...
BUT HE WON'T WAIT AROUND...
...EVEN IF YOU SUCCEED...
...BORUTO CANNOT RESURRECT UNTIL EXTRACTION IS COMPLETED AND CODE'S BODY IS FULLY OHTSUTSUKI-FIED.
AS IN, CODE HAS TO BECOME A VESSEL.

YOU JUST NEED MORE POWER TO DEAL WITH CODE.
ENOUGH TO TAKE HIM DOWN.
YOU WANT TO PROTECT LORD HOKAGE, RIGHT?
THEN THAT PLAN'S NO GOOD.
...
LIKE WITH DELTA?
DO YOU THINK...
...LORD SEVENTH CAN WIN AGAINST CODE?
...
...
YOU KNOW THAT, DEEP DOWN.
...I SUSPECT HE'D DIE ONE-ON-ONE VERSUS CODE.
IT CERTAINLY WON'T GO THE WAY IT DID WITH DELTA.
IT'S UN-CLEAR HOW MUCH LESS POWER HE HAS WITH-OUT NINE TAIL'S CHAKRA, BUT...
I'M NOT SURE.

YOU WANT POWER, DON'T YOU...
...KAWAKI?
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN THINKING THAT...
...EVER SINCE YOU LOST THE KARMA?
GET TO THE POINT...
...OLD MAN.
SO TAKE IT FOR YOURSELF.
ESPE-CIALLY SINCE ISSHIKI'S GONE FOR GOOD.
BRAND-NEW POWER...
IN THE FORM OF A KARMA THAT'S PURELY A WEAPON.
VOOOOO

YOU HAVE THE BASE CRITERIA.
AND I...
...CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN.
A KARMA... THAT'S PURELY...
...A WEAPON?

COME ON...
THAT'S EXACTLY IT.
YOU KNOW YOU SUBCON-SCIOUSLY WANT IT.
ARE YOU SUGGESTING...
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
...I LET YOU IMPLANT ME WITH KARMA AGAIN?

I DO, INDEED. BUT I ALSO KNOW...
...THAT YOU'RE RATIONAL AND WILL USE ANY MEANS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS...
...JUST LIKE ME.
AND YOU OF ALL PEOPLE KNOW...
...HOW MUCH I ABSOLUTELY LOATHE KARMA.
IT'S ALL UP TO YOU, KAWAKI.
THE CHOICE IS IN YOUR HANDS.
I'M LEAVING.
NO, NO WAY.
JUST REMEM-BER...

SHUP
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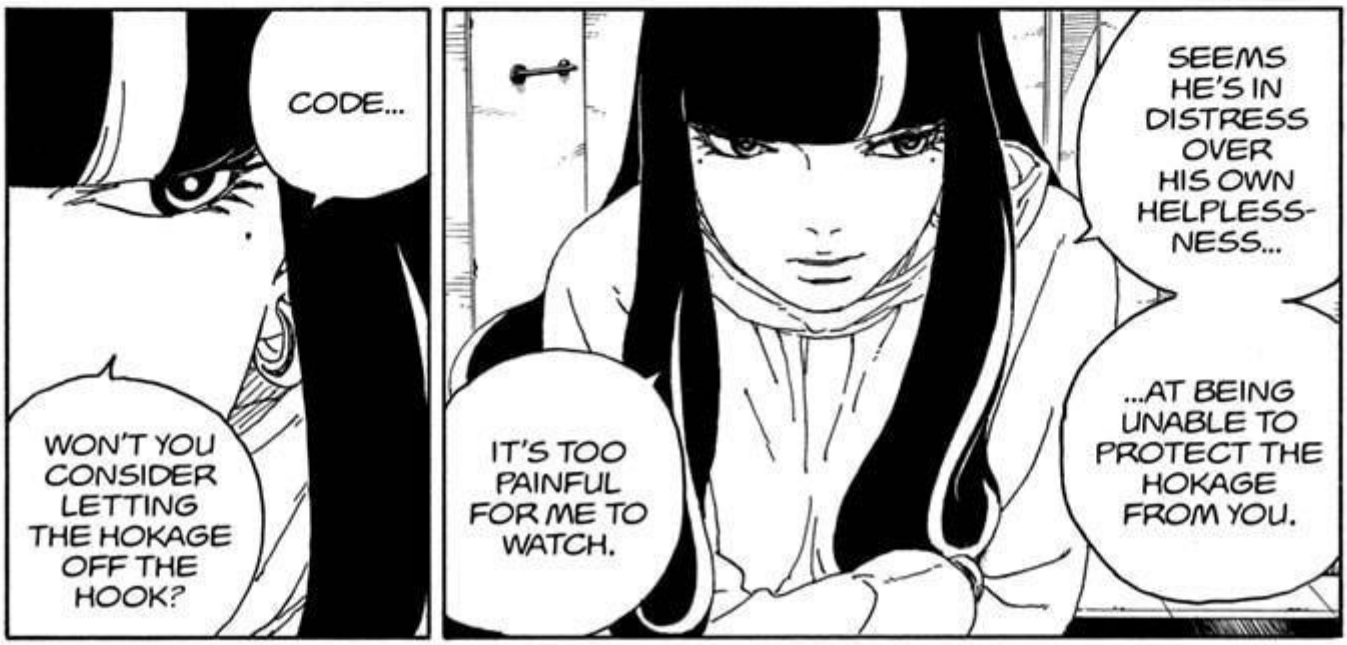
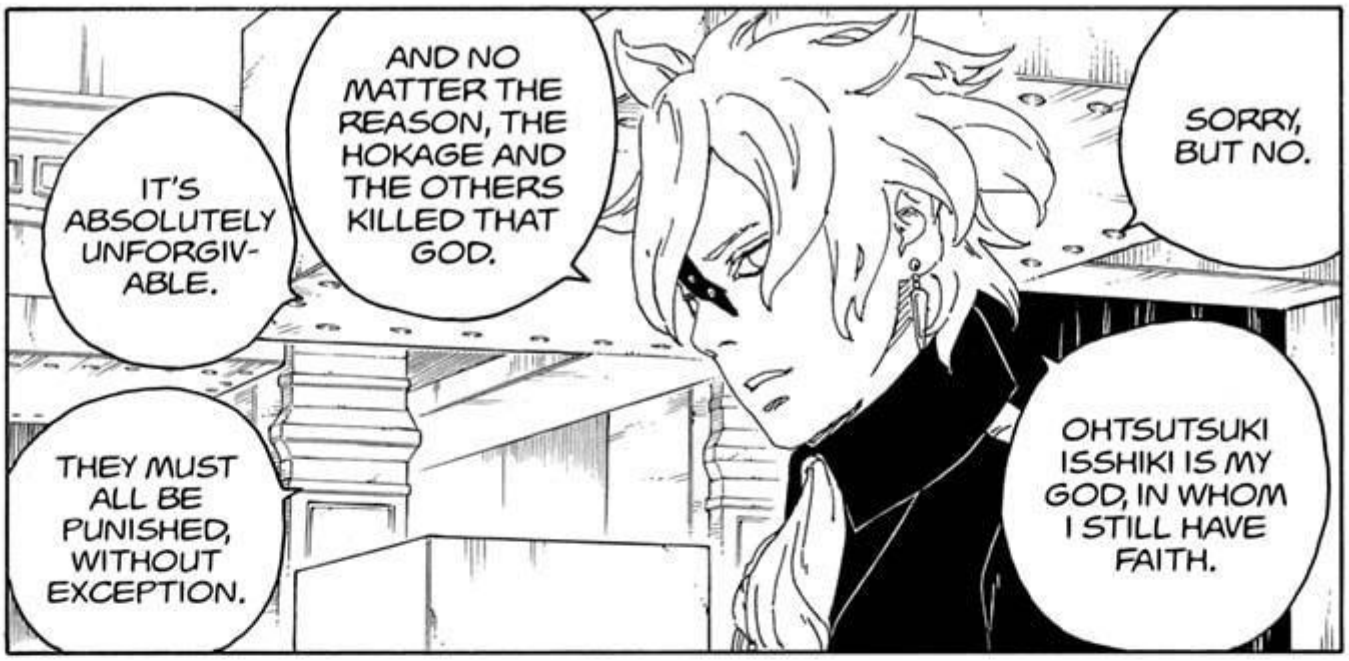
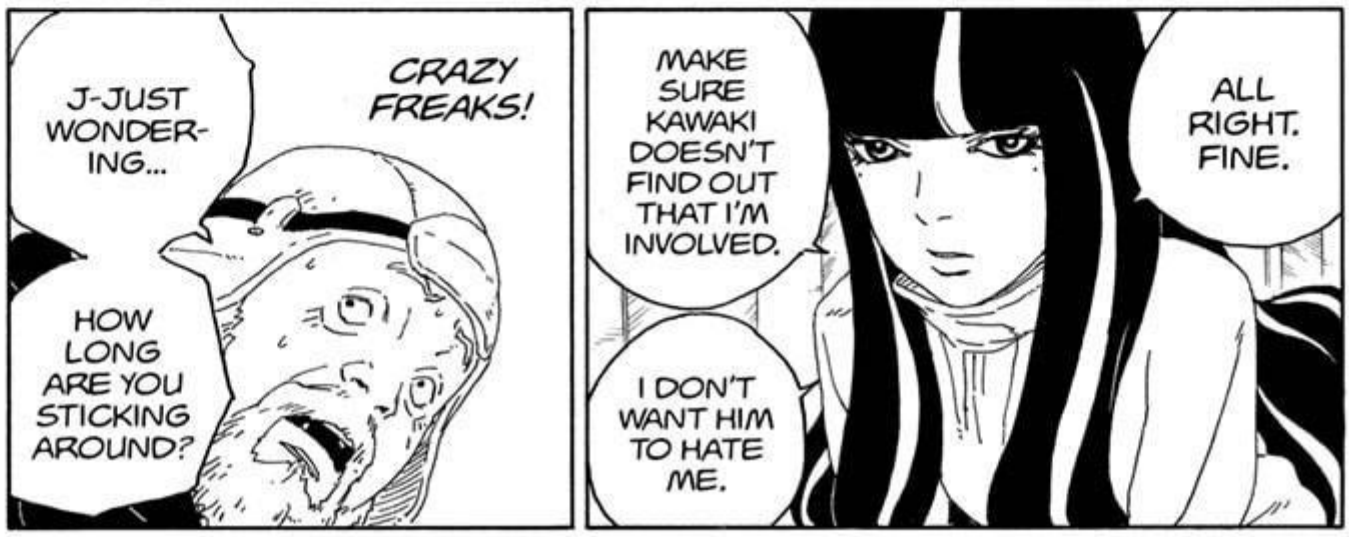
...
KAWAKI...
...

POOR KAWAKI.
HE TRULY CARES FOR THE HOKAGE.


CODE...
WON'T YOU CONSIDER LETTING THE HOKAGE OFF THE HOOK?
IT'S TOO PAINFUL FOR ME TO WATCH.
SEEMS HE'S IN DISTRESS OVER HIS OWN HELPLESS-NESS...
...AT BEING UNABLE TO PROTECT THE HOKAGE FROM YOU.


SORRY, BUT NO.
AND NO MATTER THE REASON, THE HOKAGE AND THE OTHERS KILLED THAT GOD.
IT'S ABSOLUTELY UNFORGIV-ABLE.
OHTSUTSUKI ISSHIKI IS MY GOD, IN WHOM I STILL HAVE FAITH.
THEY MUST ALL BE PUNISHED, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

BUT THAT'S WHY I CAN'T BUDGE ON THE HOKAGE.
I'LL KILL HIM WITH MY OWN HANDS.
HE'S MY NUMBER ONE TARGET.
I KNOW.
I'M MAKING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR HIM.
OUT OF RESPECT TO YOU.
HOLD ON.
YOU PROMISED NOT TO KILL KAWAKI.


CRAZY FREAKS!
J-JUST WONDER-ING...
HOW LONG ARE YOU STICKING AROUND?
ALL RIGHT. FINE.
MAKE SURE KAWAKI DOESN'T FIND OUT THAT I'M INVOLVED.
I DON'T WANT HIM TO HATE ME.

WITCH! HOW DARE YOU ORDER ME ABOUT!
HA HA... COMING RIGHT UP.
STOP SWEATING THE SMALL STUFF. LOOK...
YOU'RE SO GAUCHE.
I NEED A REFILL.
I KILLED TWO GUARDS...
...AT THE DOOR, AND SIX MORE GETTING TO BUG'S ROOM, BUT...
...THERE'RE A LOT MORE SOLDIERS HERE, AREN'T THERE?
MIGHT BE A BOTHER IF THEY FIND OUT YOU'RE AWAKE.
IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
NO ONE CAN GET THEIR HANDS ON ME.
WHAT'S THE RUSH?
RIGHT?! Y-YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND GET GOING!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF MATTERS HERE FOR YOU.
THAT'S TRUE...
I'M SO DRAWN TO YOU, IN SUCH A NATURAL WAY...
...THAT I STILL FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT'S DUE TO YOUR ABILITY.

TAKE IT EASY...
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING, BUT BOTH THE HOKAGE AND KAWAKI ARE BEING GUARDED AROUND THE CLOCK.
PLUS THE FIVE VILLAGES ARE HUNTING CODE.
BE THAT AS IT MAY...
YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET ANYTHING DONE BY DAWDLING HERE.
IF YOU WANT KAWAKI, YOU NEED TO ACT!
HURRY UP AND GET OUTTA HERE!
WE TAKE OUR TIME.
AN OP-PORTUNITY IS BOUND TO PRESENT ITSELF.
MY SENRIGAN CLAIRVOYANT EYES WILL SPOT IT.
RIGHT.
SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?
BY THE WAY...
DON'T COUNT ON MY COMBAT ABILITY.
I CAN ONLY PERFORM SIMPLE TAIJUTSU.
YEESH.
IT'D BE A BREEZE IF I COULD JUST GET THESE LIMITERS RESCINDED.
OH WELL... I THINK I CAN STILL WIN AGAINST HOKAGE AND UCHIHA IF I FIGHT THEM ONE-ON-ONE.

TO BEGIN WITH, I DON'T LIKE ENGAGING IN BARBARIC ACTS.
I DON'T LIKE PAIN EITHER.
THE TOTAL OPPO-SITE.
FOR REAL?
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE AN AMAZING FIGHTER TOO.
SO DELICATE.
BLUSH
I SEE...
I'LL BE YOUR EYES AND EARS, AND IN RETURN...
...YOU'LL BE MY GUARDIAN KNIGHT.
THAT'S WHY YOU AND I ARE WELL ALIGNED.
SHE'S MAKING YOU SOFT, YOU FOOL!
GET A GRIP, CODE!
AREN'T YOU ASHAMED?
...AND HE TRIES TO KILL YOU?
BUT WHAT IF...
...YOU FIND YOURSELF ALONE WITH KAWAKI...
WORKS FOR ME.
YOUR KNIGHT...
SURE.

THAT'S WHAT'S APPEALING TO YOU, YET...
BUT IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE.
KAWAKI AND BORUTO ARE OTSUTSUKI. YOU CAN'T BEGUILE THEM.
...IT COULD ALSO WORK AGAINST YOU...AND THUS, ME.
...
WHAT A DETESTABLE QUESTION.
SERIOUSLY?
COME WITH ME, CODE.
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU...
...TO MY *OTHER* KNIGHT.
...
I SUPPOSE.
I WAS HOPING TO AVOID THIS, BUT...
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YOU WANT POWER, DON'T YOU?
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN THINKING THAT...
...EVER SINCE YOU LOST THE KARMA?
HUH?
SO, TAKE IT FOR YOURSELF.
BRAND-NEW POWER...
IN THE FORM OF A KARMA THAT'S PURELY A WEAPON.

HEY, KAWA--
I SAID SHADDUP !!!!!
...
OH!

...
...
WHISPER
WHISPER
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VWOOO
SHUP
IGNORE 'EM.
...
JUST WALK.

...EVER SINCE ISSHIKI ATTACKED ...
...A LOT OF RUMORS'VE BEEN FLYING AROUND.
BOTH TRUE AND FALSE.
WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE IS BEING KEPT TOP SECRET.
SO CIVVIES SHOULDN'T KNOW ANYTHING, BUT...
...
BUT DON'T YOU MIND THEM.
KONOHA'S YOUR HOME, NO MATTER WHAT ANY-ONE SAYS.
I MEAN, LORD SEVENTH HIMSELF HAS DEEMED IT SO.
...
SORRY.
TO MAKE YOU PUT UP WITH ME.
...
YEAH.
THANKS.
...
I BET THEY'RE ALL JUST SCARED.
QUIT IT WITH THE GLUM FACE.
YOU KEEP HOLDING YOUR HEAD HIGH.

...
TK
TK
ABOUT KAWAKI'S KARMA!
WHATEVER DID YOU MEAN?
UM...
WHAT WAS THAT...
...ALL ABOUT EARLIER?
HMM?
...
IT'S JUST AS I LAID OUT, KAKEI.
TK TK TK
WEREN'T YOU LISTENING?
...

I SUPPOSE SHIKAMARU PUT YOU UP TO IT.
DID YOU WISH TO BE MY ASSISTANT ...
...IN ORDER TO SPY ON ME?
WHAT I DON'T GET...
...IS YOUR INTENT.
P-PLEASE DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!
!
...THE OHTSUTSUKI DATA THAT WAS DOWNLOADED INTO HIS BODY...
...STILL REMAINS. IN SHORT, NOTHING'S TRULY CHANGED.
AS YOU KNOW, KAWAKI'S KARMA WAS DELETED.
HOWEVER, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER...
YOU'RE DOING IT TOO.
HMPH.
BUT FINE...
ISSHIKI'S SOUL WAS THE HOME-OWNER, BUT...
...WITH THE DOOR GONE, HE COULD NO LONGER ENTER THE HOUSE.
HERE... LET'S LIKEN KAWAKI-AS-A-VESSEL TO A HOUSE.
THE KARMA WOULD BE THE HOUSE'S DOOR.

EVEN THOUGH IT HAS NO DOOR...
...THE HOUSE ITSELF STILL EXISTS.
MEANWHILE, ISSHIKI'S LIFE SPAN RUNS OUT AND HIS SOUL IS EXTIN-GUISHED.
DO YOU SEE IT NOW?
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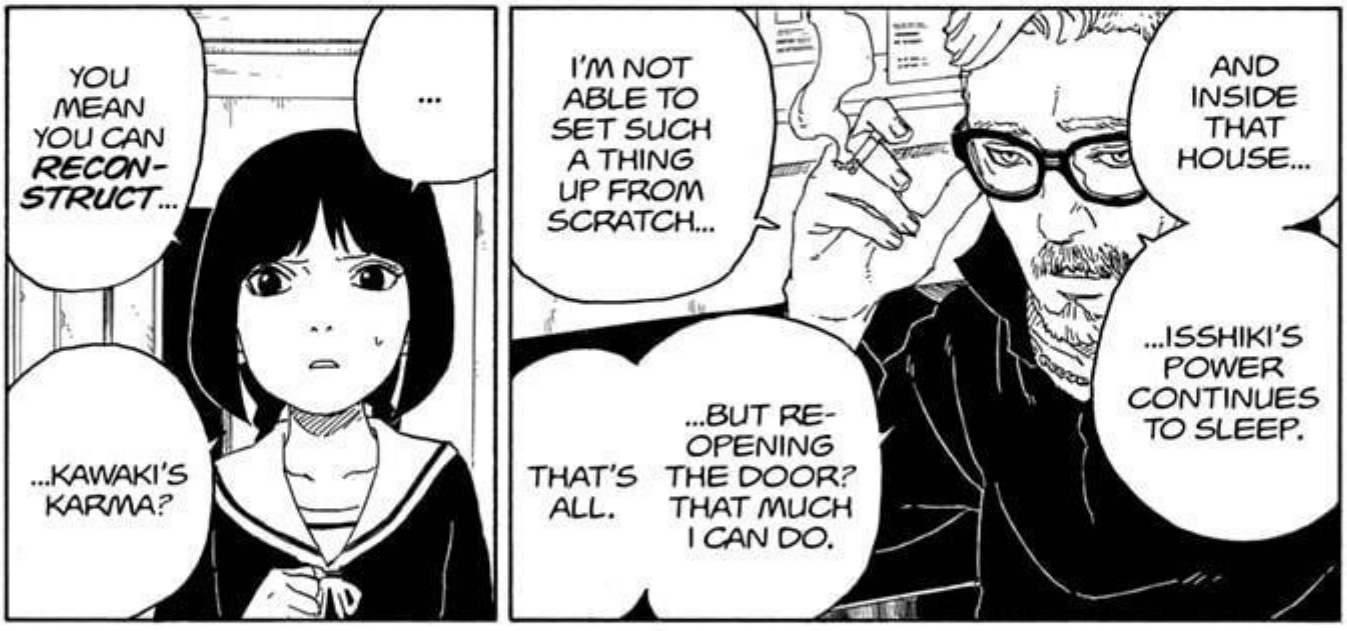
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YOU MEAN YOU CAN RECON-STRUCT...
...KAWAKI'S KARMA?
I'M NOT ABLE TO SET SUCH A THING UP FROM SCRATCH...
THAT'S ALL.
...BUT RE-OPENING THE DOOR? THAT MUCH I CAN DO.
AND INSIDE THAT HOUSE...
...ISSHIKI'S POWER CONTINUES TO SLEEP.

...
OH, WOW.
HFF
THAT'S AN APT WAY TO PUT IT.

SO HE OUGHT TO PURSUE IT.
AND SINCE ISSHIKI IS NO MORE, THERE'S NO DOWNSIDE...
ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THE IMPEND-ING THREAT.
...TO KAWAKI HAVING A KARMA AGAIN.
...CODE FAILED TO BECOME A VESSEL, SO IT MERELY LENDS HIM STRENGTH.
JUST LIKE WITH KAWAKI...
...ISSHIKI IMPLANTED CODE'S KARMA, BUT...
...A GREAT ASSET TO A WARRIOR.
IT'S A POWER-FUL WEAPON ...
...REALLY ALL OF IT?
IS THAT...
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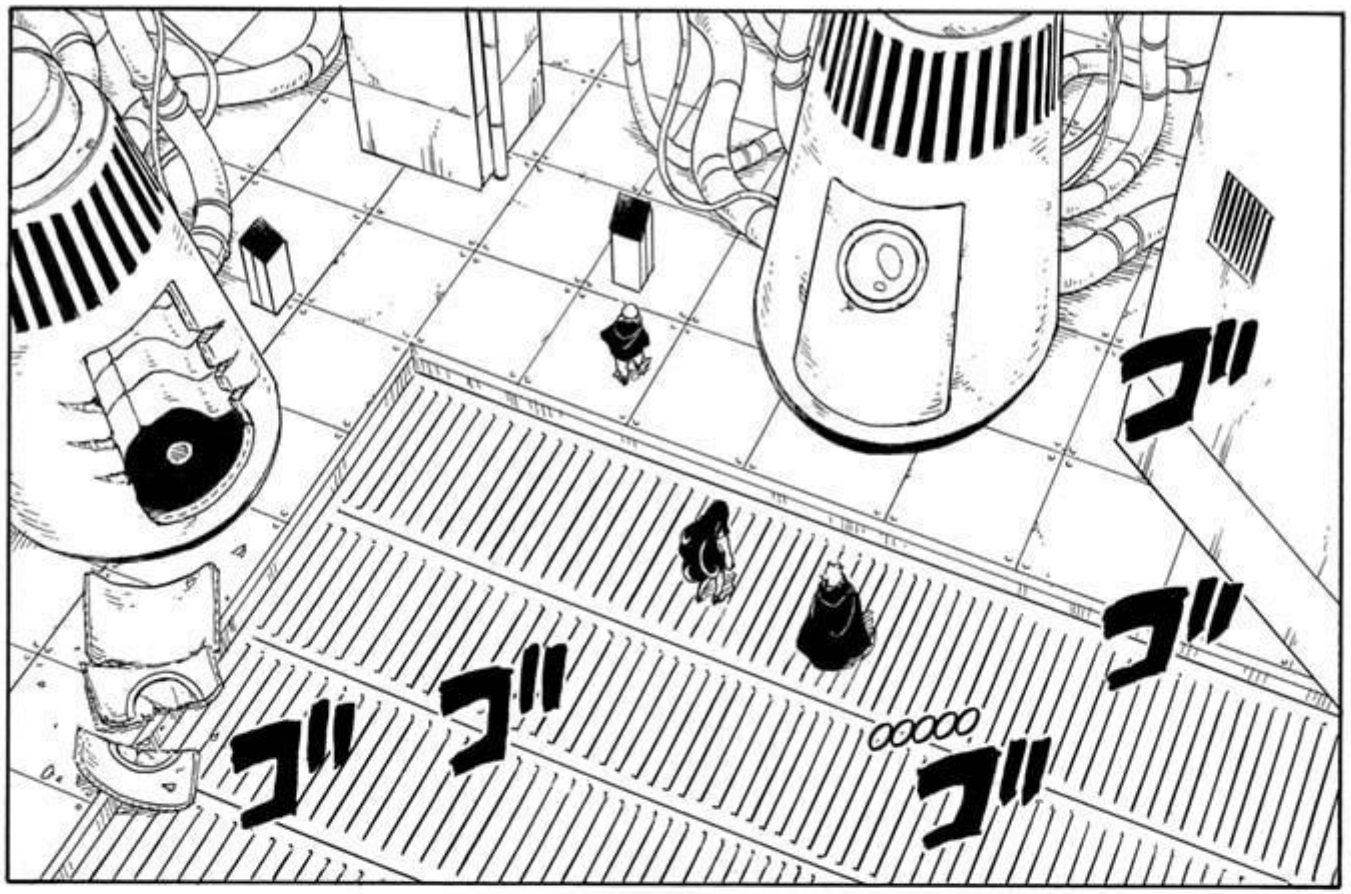
THERE ARE NO OTHER REASONS...
...YOU WANT TO RESTORE KAWAKI'S KARMA?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ANOTHER CYBORG THAT BORO STASHED HERE?
WHAT SORT?

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WELL...
THE ONLY ONE, OTHER THAN AN OHTSU-TSUKI...
...WHO IS CAPABLE OF KILLING ME.

DO IT.
NOW.
HUH?
ARE YOU SURE?
UH...
ANY-THING BUT HIM...
NOT HIM.
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BUG.
PSHHHH
...
BIP BIP
DAMMIT!
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WHEEN
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GLANCE
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...!
HE'S DONE IT AGAIN.
...
IT'S EMPTY...
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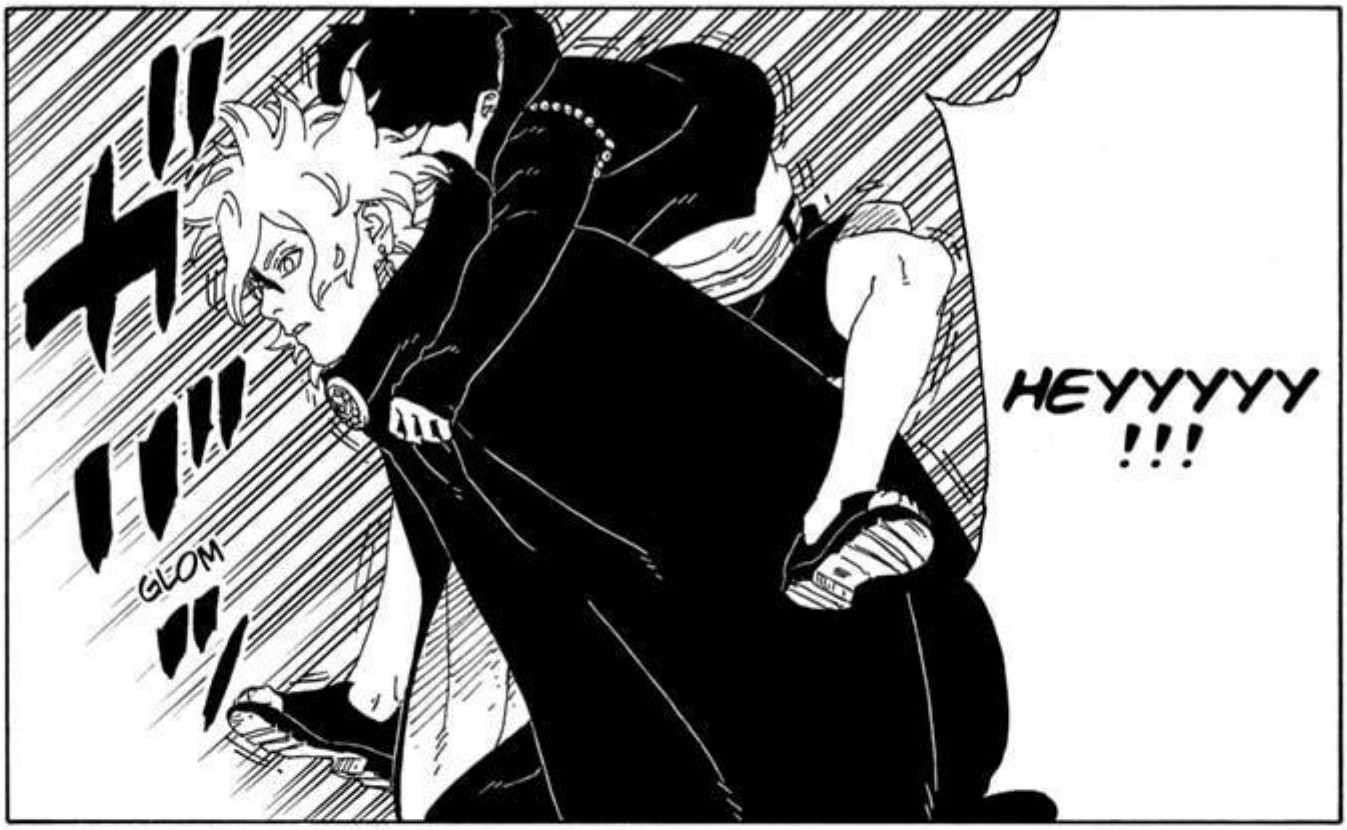
HEYYYYY !!!
GLOM

WHEN'D HE...?!

DON'T, CODE.
I WOULDN'T ATTACK HIM.

CLANG

WHO'RE YOU?!
YOU SIS'S NEW MAN?!

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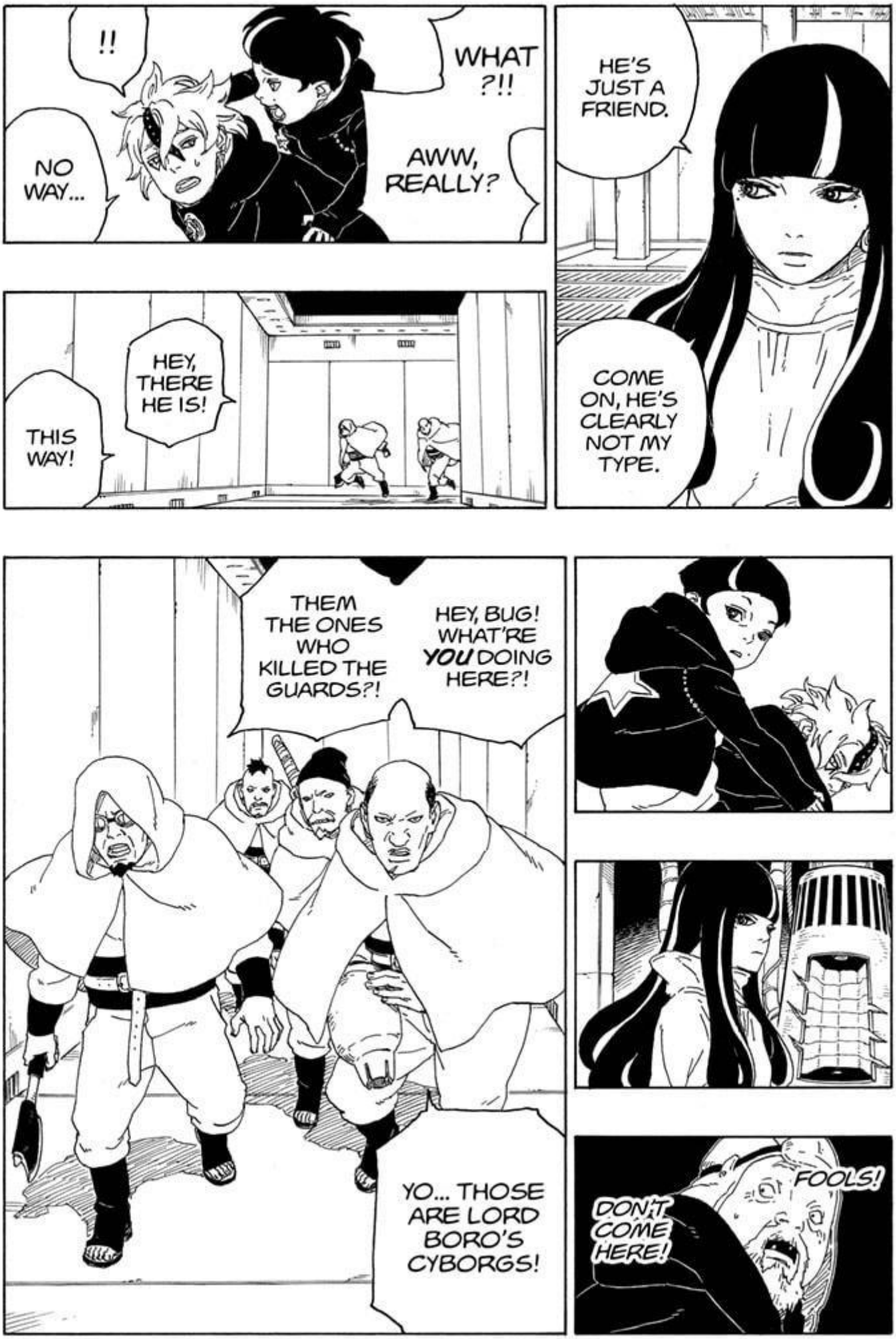
TWCH-
THIS ONE'S A NICE RIDE!!
HEY, SIS!!!
I'LL SLAUGHTER YOU IF YOU MAKE HER CRY!!
YOU...! YOU BETTER BE SERIOUS!
ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS FOR HER!!
NO JUMP-ING ON STRANGERS, REMEM-BER?
HOP OFF, DAEMON.
...!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NO WAY...
WHAT ?!!
AWW, REALLY?
HE'S JUST A FRIEND.
COME ON, HE'S CLEARLY NOT MY TYPE.
HEY, THERE HE IS!
THIS WAY!
THEM THE ONES WHO KILLED THE GUARDS?!
HEY, BUG! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!
YO... THOSE ARE LORD BORO'S CYBORGS!
FOOLS!
DON'T COME HERE!

WHAT...?
IS BUG A HOSTAGE OR SOMETHING?
YOU'RE GONNA GET KILLED!!
GET OUT OF HERE, ALL OF YOU!!
WATCH CLOSELY.
NO NEED TO STEP IN, CODE.
THIS IS PERFECT.
YEESH, WE'VE BEEN FOUND OUT.
OH WELL, HERE GOES.
OUR ORDERS ARE TO DISPOSE OF 'EM IF THEY EMERGED WITHOUT CAUSE.
THE BASTARD IN THE BLACK CAPE'S AN INTRUDER.
WHAT OF THE CYBORGS?
SO LET'S...
KLIK
...JUST GET RID OF 'EM TOO!

BLAM
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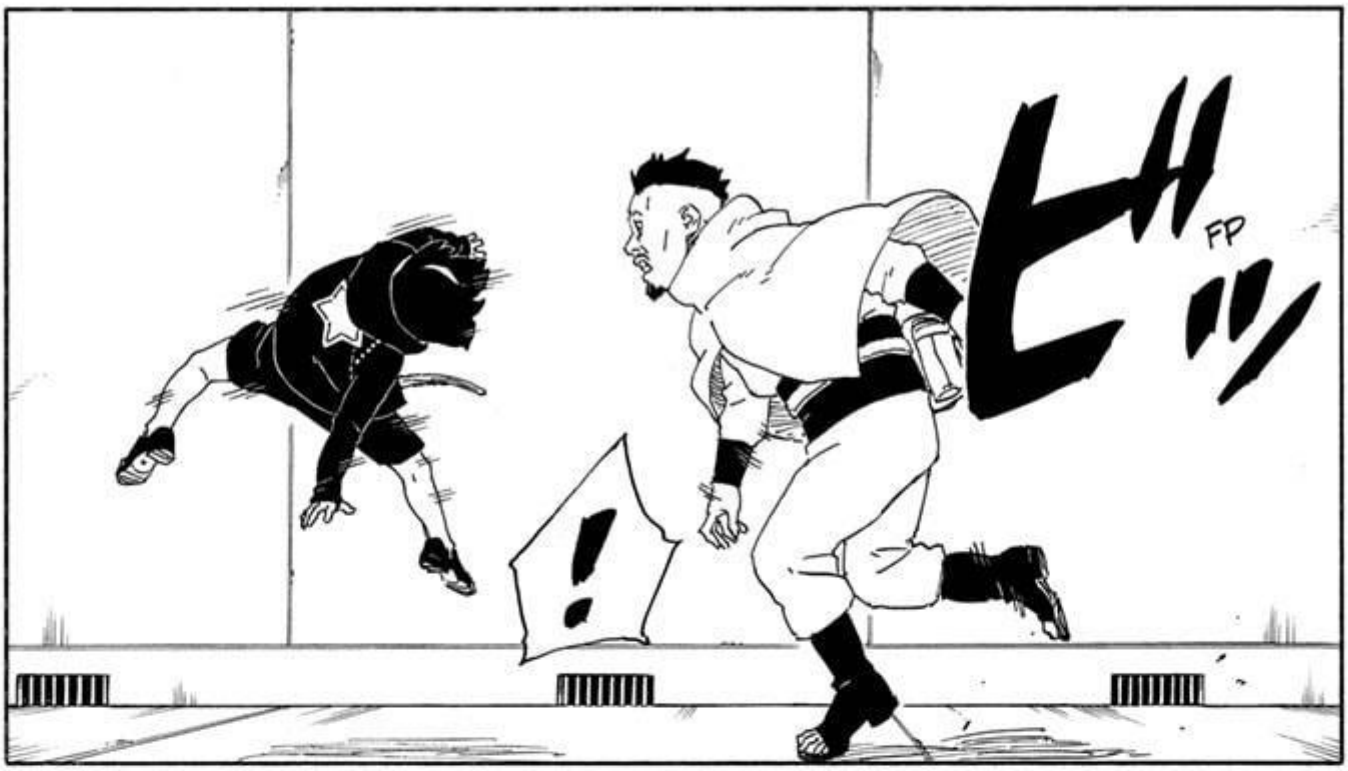
WHAT THE?!
?!
!
BASTARD !!

PSHH
WAAH!!
WHD
WAAH!!
W-WHAT THE HECK?!
TEE HEE.
WSH
STUUU-PID!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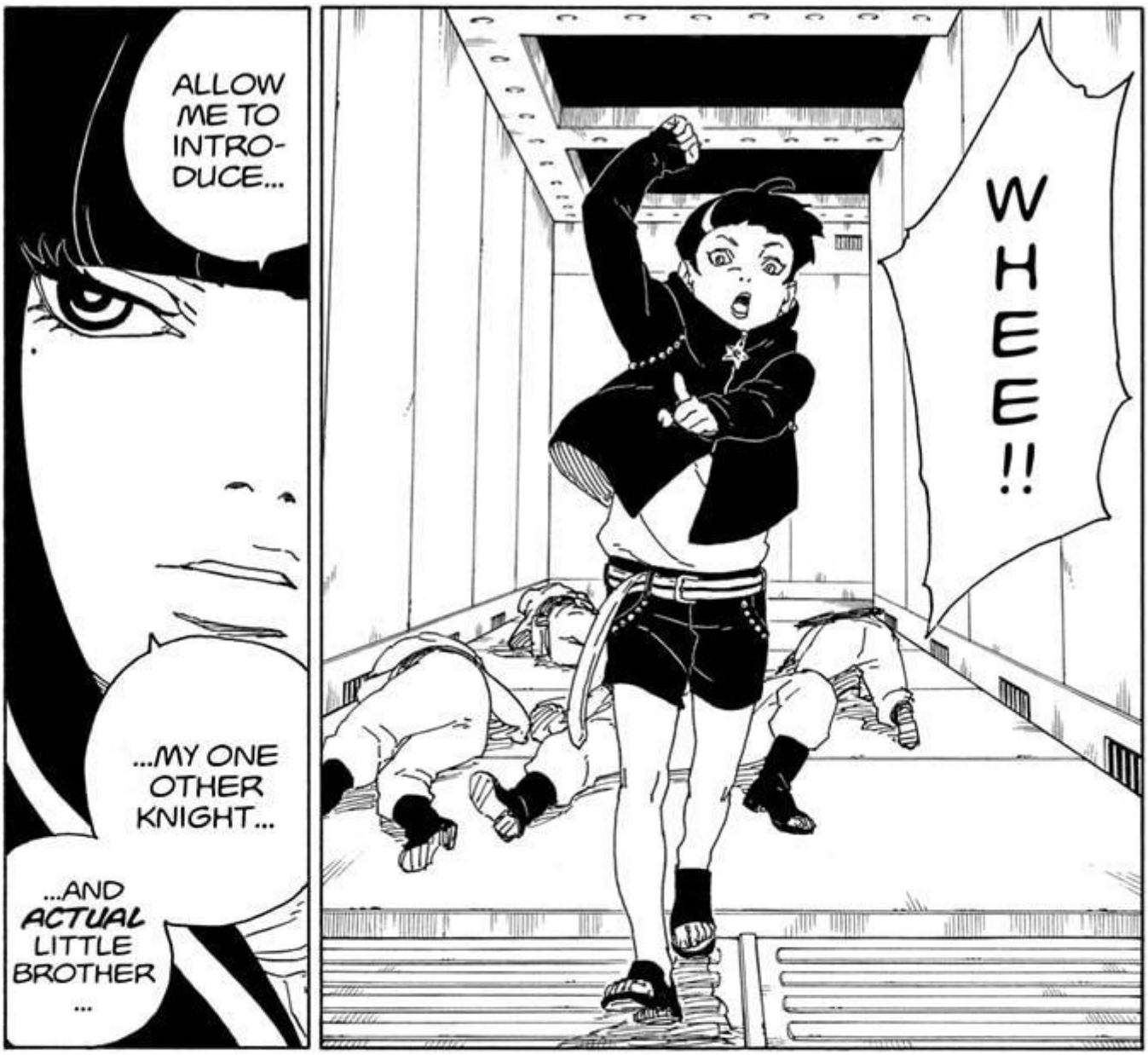
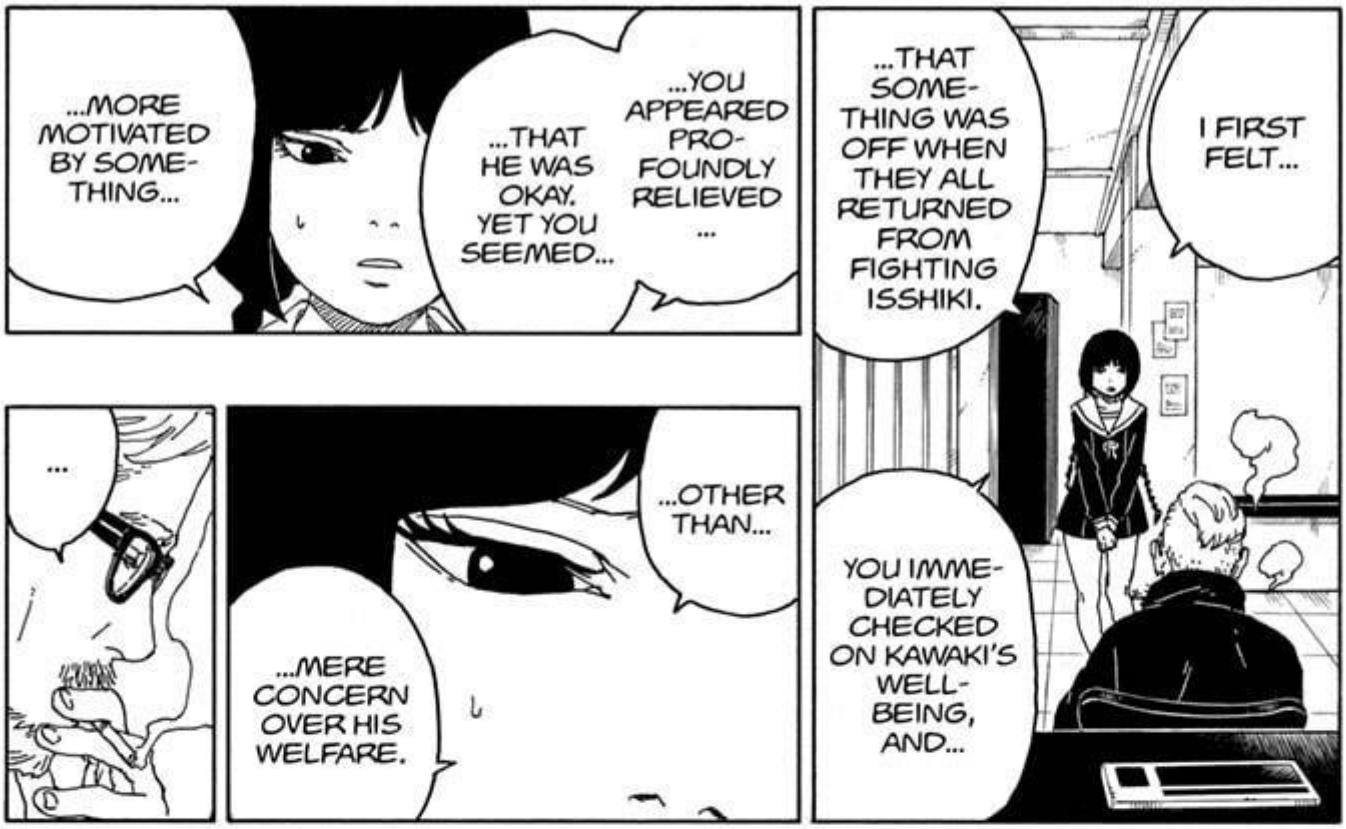
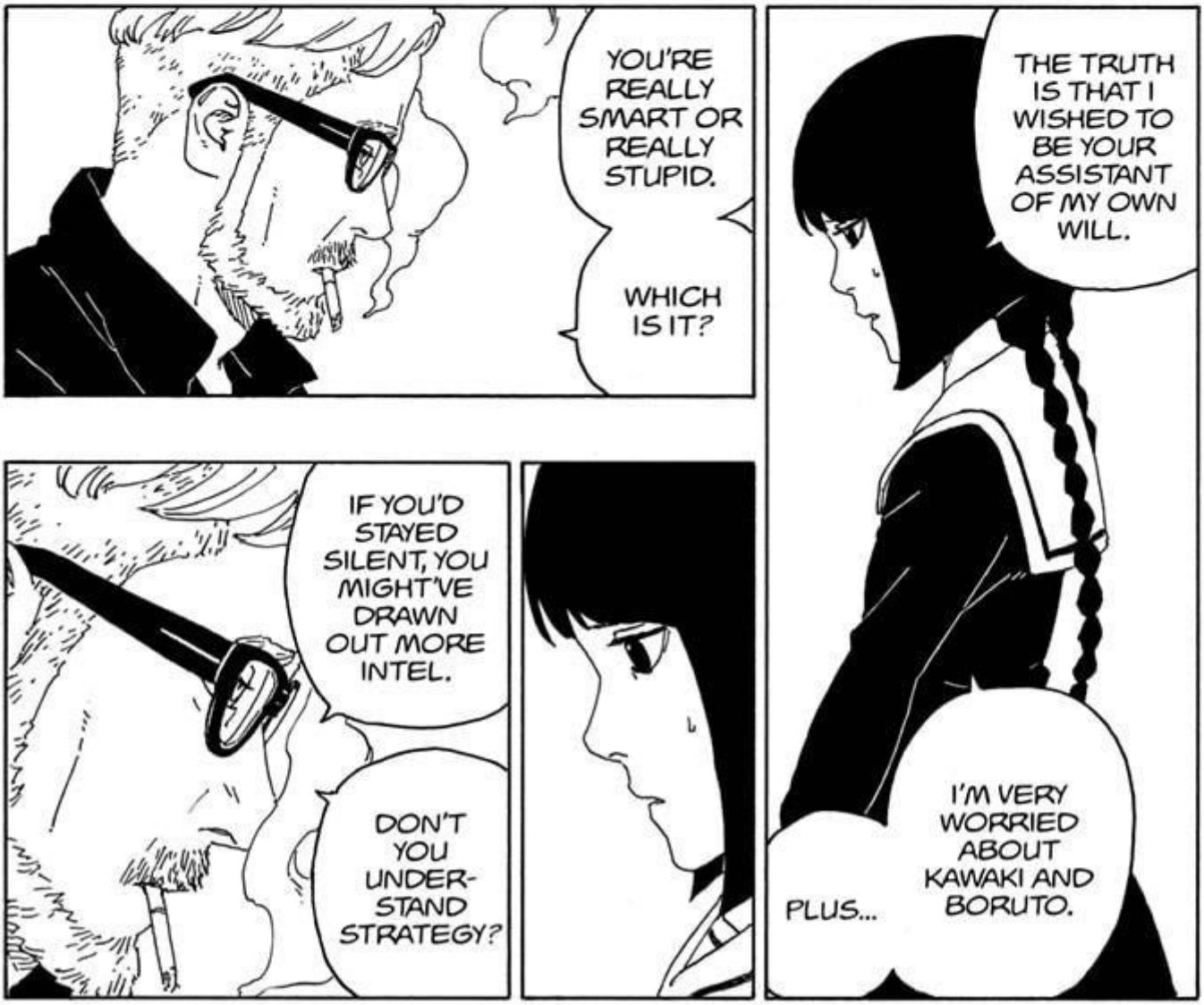
THD
UGH!!
KRAK

--AT !!
YOU BR--
SWSH
A FOE SIMPLY PICTURING THE KILLING SCENE WILL CAUSE THE END RESULT TO BE INSTANTLY REFLECTED UPON HIM OR HER.
THE STRONGER THE INTENT TO KILL, THE MORE POWERFUL THE REACTION.
SO YOU BE CAREFUL TOO, CODE.
IS HE...
...REFLECTING...
...HIS OPPONENT'S ATTACKS?
TUP
TUP
...
WHAT A...
...FORMIDABLE KID.


ALLOW ME TO INTRO-DUCE...
...MY ONE OTHER KNIGHT...
...AND ACTUAL LITTLE BROTHER ...
WHEE!!

NOT
...DAEMON.


...MORE MOTIVATED BY SOMETHING...
...THAT HE WAS OKAY. YET YOU SEEMED...
...YOU APPEARED PROFOUNDLY RELIEVED...
...THAT SOMETHING WAS OFF WHEN THEY ALL RETURNED FROM FIGHTING ISSHIKI.
I FIRST FELT...
...
...OTHER THAN...
...MERE CONCERN OVER HIS WELFARE.
YOU IMMEDIATELY CHECKED ON KAWAKI'S WELL-BEING, AND...


YOU'RE REALLY SMART OR REALLY STUPID.
WHICH IS IT?
THE TRUTH IS THAT I WISHED TO BE YOUR ASSISTANT OF MY OWN WILL.
IF YOU'D STAYED SILENT, YOU MIGHT'VE DRAWN OUT MORE INTEL.
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND STRATEGY?
PLUS...
I'M VERY WORRIED ABOUT KAWAKI AND BORUTO.

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SO...
...YOU ARE PLOTTING SOMETHING?
SO YOU'RE JUST STUPID.